

TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: February 1, 2024

RE: Resolution Number 24-16: Landscape Construction Maintenance Memorandum Agreement Between Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Eustis For South Bay Street Islands Between East Herrick Avenue and Ashford Avenue

## Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-16 authorizes the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Agreement for Landscape Construction & Maintenance between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Eustis. The agreement will provide highway beautification enhancements in the medians along State Road-19 / South Bay Street from Herrick Avenue to Ashford Avenue within in the City of Eustis.

#### **Background:**

The City Commission previously approved a maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for medians on State Road-19 at the February 6, 2014 regular meeting. The FDOT has requested an updated agreement for the landscape and maintenance of medians in a portion of State Road-19 (South Bay Street) from U.S. Highway 441 to West Herrick Avenue.

Public Works awarded a contract with Helping Hands Landscaping for the purchase and installation of landscaping improvements to the South Bay Street Islands. The contract is in the amount of \$46,135. The materials are designed to require minimal long-term maintenance: Dune Sunflowers, Society Garlic, Twin Flower, and Purple Low Grass. The FDOT has reviewed and approved the landscape plans and the project.

## **Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution Number 24-16.

#### **Policy Implications:**

None

## Alternatives:

- 1. Approve Resolution Number 24-16.
- 2. Deny Resolution Number 24-16.

## Budget/Staff Impact:

The administration of this agreement will be performed within the staffing requirements of the Public Works Department.

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# **Reviewed By:**

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