



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of a contract for mowing services to Ground Control Property Services, at an estimated annual cost of \$148,590.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Field Operations Division

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mowing and landscape maintenance improves sight distances, prevents drainage facility obstruction, and presents an aesthetically pleasing appearance within the City's rights-of-way and public properties.
- Award amount is based on estimated annual use of the service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

	FY 2025/26
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$148,590 Estimated annual amount
BUDGET General Fund, Major Street Fund, Local Road Fund, Municipal Street Fund, Drain Fund, Water & Sewer Fund	\$150,000
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 0
FUND BALANCE IMPACT	\$ 0

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Each year, the City contracts with a mowing services provider to mow grass and maintain landscaping along roadsides and pathways, in certain boulevard islands and interchanges, around gateway signs, and on City-owned properties. Mowing and landscape maintenance improves sight distances, prevents drainage facility obstruction, and presents an aesthetically pleasing appearance within the City's rights-of-way and public properties. The 2026 mowing services contract term is for one

year with services anticipated to begin in April. Upon mutual consent of the City and the selected contractor, there are three one-year renewal options available.

Staff opened seven bids on March 6, 2026, following a public bid solicitation period. The low bidder is Ground Control Property Services. Ground Control Property Services provided unit prices on facilities/road frontage, booster stations, pathways, City-owned vacant lots, and gateway signs (sections A-E), along with general labor and material costs (sections F and G). Based on estimated quantities, Ground Control Property Services extended base bid price for Sections A-E is \$148,590 annually.

Staff recommend Ground Control Property Services in the best interest of the City for being responsive (i.e., Ground Control Property Services has complied with all requirements of the bidding instructions), and submitting the lowest price based on extended unit pricing. Attached is a summary of the three lowest qualified bids.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to award a unit price contract for mowing services to Ground Control Property Services, the lowest qualified bidder, at an estimated annual cost of \$148,590. The contract term is one year with three optional one-year extensions.