



PARKS DEPARTMENT AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING SHEET

Council Date: August 12, 2025	Department: Parks	Presented By: Mandy McCarley, Parks Director Toni Fisher, Asst. City Mgr.
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AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion & Action: For approval of 2025-26 Christmas lighting contract with Murphy Christmas Lighting.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Willow Park and Murphy Christmas Lighting had a 3-year contract for citywide holiday lighting and decoration storage, installation, and removal for years 2022, 2023, and 2024. Each year, citywide Christmas decorations were added and, what started as a simple 14' outdoor Christmas tree at City Hall and lights in adjoining parks have grown to include lighting at the new City Hall site, within our new Kings Gate Park, and a beautiful 30' Christmas tree, seen from passers-by on I-20 and a mile in all directions. Each year, Staff received many positive responses and joyful community feedback.

The first year's Christmas Tree Lighting in 2022 has become an annual event our citizens look forward to and its attendance has tripled. Troubleshooting and attendance by Murphy Christmas Lighting owner and personnel have assured the timing of the lighting event was spectacular and seamless.

The customer service of this company has been phenomenal. As part of our contract, company staff regularly checked all lights on every building and in every park to make sure all are operational. When we have had breakers tripped due to rainy weather, they have been accessible and quickly onsite.

The FY 2024-25 budget for Christmas lighting was \$40,000 at an actual cost of \$39,508.38. The proposal presented is for one (1) year and includes the same lighting and decorations as last year, plus updated pricing for actual trees to be wrapped and the new option of lighting of the bridge at Cross Timbers Park.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval of the contract for Murphy Christmas Lighting for 2025 for \$46,955.16.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approval of 2025 Christmas lighting contract with Murphy Christmas Lighting, as presented.