



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*Natural Resources
Department*

City Council Regular Meeting Date: June 2, 2026

To: City Council
From: Dana Dettmar, Environmental Biologist
Holly Milbrandt, Natural Resources Director
Date: May 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Award – ITB-NR-2-2026/BS; Causeway Boulevard Planting Project

BACKGROUND: The Roots in Resilience partnership is a citizen-driven initiative that was established in an effort to restore native, storm resilient vegetation in public spaces that were impacted by recent storm events. The Causeway Boulevard corridor was selected by the Roots in Resilience partnership as the first area to target landscape restoration efforts. For this project, the City's role involves review and approval of landscape designs, procurement management, project oversight, and long-term maintenance.

In fulfillment of procurement responsibilities, an advertisement for bids was placed in the April 6, 2026 edition of the Fort Myers News-Press and posted on the City's online bid solicitation service, DemandStar. Bid opening was conducted by City Staff on May 7, 2026 at 2:30PM in the presence of Procurement Manager Brett Schira, Environmental Biologist Joel Coauette, and Environmental Biologist Dana Dettmar. The City received six bids as shown in the attached Bid Tabulation and the bids remain valid for 60 days.

All six bidding firms were deemed responsive based on the completeness of their proposals, clarity of submission, relevant project experience, and alignment with the project scope.

Juniper Landscaping of FL was the lowest responsive bidder (\$324,112.10). City staff have recently worked with Juniper on a native canopy restoration project at Community Park and were satisfied with the relationship and their work. Their referenced projects include experience with other roadway corridor landscaping restoration in Venice and Englewood. Based on these factors, staff recommends awarding the contract to Juniper Landscaping of FL for the Causeway Boulevard Planting Project.

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary

FUNDING SOURCE: The FY26 budget includes \$250,000.00 in the Capital Improvements Project budget for the Causeway Boulevard Planting Project. The City has also received a grant from the Florida Forestry Service (through Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services) in the amount of \$68,570.00. The remainder of the cost, \$18,532.10, will be paid by the Roots in Resilience partnership.

Causeway Boulevard Planting Project	
Budget	
FY25 CIP Funding	\$250,000.00
Florida Forestry Service Grant	\$68,570.00
Roots in Resilience Partnership Funding	\$18,532.10
Total Funding	\$337,102.10
Expense	
Causeway Boulevard Design	\$7490.00
Periwinkle Way/Casa Ybel Rd. Pocket Park Design	\$5,500
Causeway Boulevard Planting Project	\$324,112.10
Total Expense	\$337,102.10

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve a contract with Juniper Landscaping of FL in the amount of \$324,112.10 for the Causeway Boulevard Planting Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.