



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*Natural Resources  
Department*

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**City Council Regular Meeting Date: February 7, 2023**

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Holly Milbrandt, Natural Resources Director  
**Date:** January 25, 2023

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of a second two-year extension of Agreement 20-016 with Ferrier Enterprises, Inc. for exotic plant control and land management activities on City managed lands.

**BACKGROUND:** The City's current contract with Ferrier Enterprises, Inc. for invasive exotic plant control and habitat management is set to expire on March 3, 2023. The contract allows the City to engage in services with the contractor for up to 5 years, with the option to extend the contract after the first year for up to two additional two-year terms. The first of two possible two-year extensions to the agreement was approved on 5/28/2021, extending the contract until March 3, 2023. Staff recommends that City Council approve the second, and final, two-year term, extending the contract until March 3, 2025.

The contract between the City and Ferrier Enterprises, Inc. requires the contractor to provide a four-person field crew consisting of one crew leader and three crew workers for manual removal of Brazilian pepper and other exotic vegetation and other land management field work, including herbicide treatment of exotics on public properties of Sanibel. Other essential tasks include fireline, gopher tortoise habitat, and beach dune maintenance on City-managed lands. The contractor is responsible for providing all material, supplies, tools, equipment, labor and other services necessary for the completion of the work, except for herbicide and additives purchased by the City.

Following Hurricane Ian, the crew resumed working the week of November 4, 2022, and has been doing vegetative debris clearing at various City parks and conservation lands as directed by Public Works and Natural Resources. Their continued work will be critical in restoring the City's conservation lands and preventing exotic plant invasions that are common following a significant disturbance event.

*Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary*

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Funding is included in the Natural Resources FY2023 budget. This includes \$60,000 for beach park maintenance (Natural Resources-Beach Parking fund; annually funded by TDC) and \$185,000 for exotic control and environmental management on City conservation lands (non-beach).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of a second two-year extension of Agreement 20-016 with Ferrier Enterprises, Inc. for exotic plant control and land management activities on City managed lands, not to exceed \$245,000.