



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## **Biscayne Drive Medians Landscaping Project** January 24, 2017

### **Bidding Process**

- To attract qualified bidders from their respective area of work, construction of the concrete curbing and installation of the irrigation and landscaping were bid separately
- Two bids were received for the irrigation and landscaping
  Contributing factors for bid results:
  - The active economy has generated significant amount of private development within the City and surrounding cities and counties
  - Increased workload and bonding requirements of contractors has limited the bidding activity for smaller sized project.

#### **Proposed Contract**

- The proposed contract amount of \$335,447.94 with the suggested amount of \$15,000.00 for contingencies is within the project budget.
- The Contractor is to coordinate the work with the Biscayne Drive Median Curbing Contractor.

#### **Landscaping Modifications**

- At the December 13, 2016 City Commission meeting, an update of the project was presented to the City Commission
- Staff was directed to coordinate with the City Arborist to suggest changes to the trees incorporated in the project to have provide more shade and to eliminate pygmy palm trees
- The Alternate Landscaping Plans are marked with the suggested changes as follows:
  - Twenty-five trees total were added to the
  - Three species added Pink Trumpet, Loquat and Sylvester Palm
  - Six species eliminated Ribbon palm, Pygmy Date Palm, Japanese Blueberry, Japanese Privet, Crape Myrtle and Sweet Gum
- Proposed Contractor, Landscape Architect and City Arborist discussing options to off-set the costs of the added trees.
- Upon award of the Irrigation and Landscaping contract and if City Commission approves the Alternate Landscaping Plans, staff will develop an associated change order.

# **QUESTIONS?**