

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of a General Services contract with Natural Start Preschool for a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, plus all applicable taxes.

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Parks & Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Resolution authorizes execution of a General Services contract for the preschool program at South Bellevue Community Center with Natural Start Preschool as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10392

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The principle of offering a preschool program at South Bellevue Community Center is to satisfy the community need for age-appropriate learning opportunities that meets the developmental needs of children and gives them the opportunity to experience the exercise, health, and wellness activities associated with nature and using the outdoors as a classroom.

Natural Start Preschool has been operating out of the South Bellevue Community Center since 2010. The most recent contract with Natural Start Preschool was approved by the Council in January 2019 (Resolution No. 9522). The preschool offers two, three, and five-day options for two age groups (3-4 years old and 4-5 years old). Natural Start Preschool offers class from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and Lunchtime Enrichment from 12 p.m. -1 p.m., September to June. Over 60 children participate in Natural Start Preschool each month.

The City of Bellevue issued a Request for Proposal No. 24029 in April 2024 for a preschool program. Consistent with contracting policies, the City conducted an open and fair competitive process. Based on the evaluation of the proposal from Natural Start Preschool against the evaluation criteria, the selection team recommends that Natural Start Preschool continue operations as the preferred vendor.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**Policy Impact**

Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element

PA-24. Collaborate with school districts and private and non-profit providers to deliver a coordinated array of recreation, athletic instruction, arts, gathering spaces and community services.

PA-25. Promote partnerships with public and private service providers to meet cultural, recreational, and social needs of the community.

Bellevue City Code: BCC 4.28 provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process. Council authorization is required for contracts that exceed \$350,000.

Fiscal Impact

This action would authorize execution of a General Services Contract with Natural Start Preschool for \$1,500,000, plus all applicable taxes, to operate a preschool at South Bellevue Community Center for a five-year period through June 30, 2029. Natural Start Preschool will operate the preschool and will receive 72 percent of all revenue generated from this program. The City will receive the remaining 28 percent of the revenue.

Sufficient funding exists in the current Parks & Community Services Department Operating Budget for the first two years of the agreement. Additional funding associated with this agreement will be requested in subsequent operating budgets and will be subject to final budget appropriation.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a General Services contract with Natural Start Preschool for a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10392

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Contract with Natural Start Preschool