

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of a General Services contract with Natural Start Preschool. The contract is for a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$1,510,000, plus all applicable taxes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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. 9522

If approved, effective date: 01/07/2019

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The primary purpose of offering a preschool program at South Bellevue Community Center is to satisfy the demand for age-appropriate learning opportunities in our community 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 Council in April 2014 (Resolution No. 8734). The preschool offers two, three, and five-day options for two different age groups (3-4 years old and 4-5 years old). Natural Start Preschool offers class from 9 am-12 pm and Lunchtime Enrichment from 12 pm-1 pm September to June. Over 60 children participate in Natural Start Preschool each month. Natural Start Preschool commences enrollment on January 22nd for the sessions starting in September 2019.

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 \$90,000.

The City of Bellevue issued a Request for Proposal No. 18107 in 2018 for a preschool program. Consistent with contracting policies, the City conducted an open and fair competitive process. Based on the evaluation of the proposals against the evaluation criteria, the selection panel recommended Natural Start Preschool as the preferred vendor to develop a contract for Council approval.

Fiscal Impact

This action would authorize execution of a General Services Contract with Natural Start Preschool for \$1,510,000, plus all applicable taxes, to operate a preschool at South Bellevue Community Center for a five-year period through June 30, 2024. Natural Start Preschool will operate the preschool and will receive 72 percent of all revenue generated from this program. The City will receive 28 percent of the revenue.

Sufficient funding exists in the 2019-2020 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. The contract is for a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$1,510,000, plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9522

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Contract with Natural Start Preschool