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Common Council Item Number: ID#21-1948	Date: March 15, 2021
Submitted By: Ron Grall, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry Keith Johnson, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Bridget Souffrant, Finance Director BS	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BR
Subject: Approval of the proposed Median Island Mowing Agreement between The Happy Mower LLC and the City of Waukesha.	

Details:
 The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department (WPRF) is always seeking more cost-effective and efficient means of operation. WPRF has always looked for blended solutions to solve maintenance challenges. WPRF has mowed the street medians for the City as the city has planned for growth and new medians were added, we have absorbed the mowing of these medians. WPRF is looking at the use of contractors to assist in the mowing of new islands not through planned growth, but through jurisdictional transfer. This is the third year for median mowing being contracted out. The addition of the state-owned medians to the contract was recommended by Council during the 2020 Operating Budget Approval process. WPRF has added the new bypass medians, as well as the bypass bike trail mowing to this contract, in addition to other City medians. The goal is to contract out all "non-park" property mowing for the City.

Options & Alternatives:
 WPRF could attempt to absorb these new islands, however, this would detract from Parks Maintenance as additional resources would be shifted to address this additional mowing. At this time, we would not award the second year (2022) option, but would like that ability to extend the contract, after the 2021 season **evaluation**.

Financial Remarks:
 As part of the 2021 Parks Operating budget, monies were earmarked in 5520.52190, Other Professional Services, to cover the cost of contracting out the mowing of the street medians as well as the state-owned medians. The contract total sum amount is \$81,960.

Executive Action:
 Recommend approval of the Street Median Mowing Contract agreement between The Happy Mower LLC and the City of Waukesha, and authorize the Mayor to enter into this contact.

