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Common Council Item Number: Click here to enter text.	Date: March 17, 2025
Submitted By: Ron Grall, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry Travis McFarland, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor	City Administrator Approval: Anthony Brown, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Joe Ciurro, Finance Director Click here to enter text.	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney Click here to enter text.
Subject: Approval of the proposed Median Island Mowing Agreement between The Happy Mower 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 has used contractors for the past 6 years to assist in the mowing of median islands not through planned growth, but through jurisdictional transfer. The addition of the state-owned medians to the contract was recommended by Council during the 2021 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. This is a 2-year contract with the option for an additional yearly extension.

Financial Remarks:
As part of the 2025 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 \$ 86,550.00 (2025) and \$ 83,800 (2026).

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

Committee Recommendation: The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Board will be considering this item at the March 17, 2025 meeting and making a recommendation to the Common Council. The contract has been reviewed by the City Attorney.