



## Staff Report

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council  
Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT  
WITH ARAKELIAN SERVICES (ATHENS SERVICES) FOR  
SWEEPING/CLEANING OF STREETS, ALLEYS, WALKSTREETS,  
PARKING LOTS AND THE PIER IN HERMOSA BEACH TO  
INCREASESIDEWALK CLEANING SERVICE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA**

(Environmental Programs Manager Doug Krauss)

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Athens Services to temporarily increase sidewalk cleaning in the downtown area.

**Executive Summary:**

Due to increased foot traffic in the downtown area, staff has witnessed increased debris and staining on sidewalks along Pier Avenue and Hermosa Avenue. It has been determined that increasing sidewalk cleaning service by once per week would improve these conditions.

**Background:**

Staff has observed an increase in debris and staining on City sidewalks along Pier Avenue and Hermosa Avenue. This can be attributed to the increase in foot traffic in the downtown areas and increase in take-out food orders due to indoor dining restrictions. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, in alignment with the State Health Order, closed all non-essential business sectors in March of 2020 to slow the spread of COVID-19. In July of 2020, the Governor, in response to rapidly-increasing case rates and hospitalizations, completely closed bars, breweries, and the indoor operations of restaurants. The closure of indoor operations of restaurants, with no anticipated reopening date specified, called on local jurisdictions and restaurants to expand outdoor dining operations in a safe and effective manner and prompted increased take-out service from these restaurants.

Athens Services performs sidewalk and other cleaning as part of its contract with the City for Sweeping/Cleaning of Streets, Alleys, Walkstreets, Parking Lots, and the Pier in Hermosa Beach. The contract allows the City to add services as needed. Staff recommends Council authorize the City Manager to add these services to the existing contract.

**Discussion:**

Staff has consulted with Athens Services on its current service in the downtown area to assess effectiveness and coordination with usage by the public in these areas. It has been determined that an additional day per week of pressure washing service on the sidewalks of Hermosa Avenue between 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and Pier Avenue between Hermosa Avenue and Valley Drive would improve cleanliness and prevent any debris or stains from accumulating for extended periods of time. Athens Services has proposed this additional service at the cost of \$3,441.36 per month with a discounted price of \$1,720.68 for the month of September. This service would begin immediately and staff would continue to monitor this service to assess its long-term effectiveness.

**Past Council Actions**

Meeting Date	Description
October 12, 2010	Approve Franchise Agreement with Athens Services for Sweeping/Cleaning Services

**General Plan Consistency:**

This report and associated recommendation have been evaluated for their consistency with the City's General Plan. Relevant Policies are listed below:

*Parks and Open Space*

**Goal 1. First class, well maintained, and safe recreational facilities, parks and open spaces.**

Policies:

- **1.1 Facility Upgrades.** Improve and update park and open space facilities on a regular basis.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The additional monthly cost of \$3,441.36 would be submitted to Cal OES for FEMA reimbursement.

**Attachments:**

1. Agreement with Athens Services for Sweeping/Cleaning Services
2. First Amendment to the Agreement

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Doug Krauss, Environmental Programs Manager

**Concur:** Marnell Gibson, Public Works Director

**Noted for Fiscal Impact:** Viki Copeland, Finance Director

**Legal Review:** Lauren Langer, City Attorney

**Approved:** Suja Lowenthal, City Manager