

**Agenda Item:**

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**Meeting Date:**

October 22, 2026

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** City Commission

**Through:** Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

**From:** Blair Kline

**Date:** 2026-10-14

**Subject:** Award of Bid #26-2610 for the Dunedin Golf Club Course Maintenance Services Contract to BrightView Golf Maintenance, Inc., in the annual amount of \$868,010.08.

**Presenter(s):** Tony Mulkey, Director of Parks & Recreation; and Blair Kline, General Manager Golf Course Operations

**Staff Recommendation:** Motion to award Bid #26-2610 for the Dunedin Golf Club Course Maintenance Services Contract to BrightView Golf Maintenance, Inc., of Blue Bell, PA, in the annual amount of \$868,010.08.

**Strategic Themes:** Good Governance, Community Amenities

**Boards & Committees:** Golf Course Advisory Committee;  
Board of Finance

**Budget Impact:** Funding for the award of this Bid (#26-2610) is budgeted in the Golf Club Fund (Acct. #444-4405-575-053405-CR).

**Past Action:** 1.) April 6, 2023 - Commission awarded Bid #23-1225 to SSS Down to Earth OPCO II LLC (DTE) to perform golf course maintenance services, under Agenda Item #2.a; and  
2.) July 1, 2023 - DTE's services commenced for a three (3) year term, with the option of two (2) additional one-year renewal periods.

**Next Action:** Transition of operations to BrightView on December 1, 2026, subject to Commission approval of award recommendation.

**Attachments:** [A. Dunedin Golf Club Course Maintenance Services - Bid Solicitation \(ITB #26-2610\).pdf](#)  
[B. DGC Maintenance Services 2026 - Bid Tabulation \(ITB #26-2610\).pdf](#)  
[C. DGC Maintenance Services 2026 - Notice of Intent \(09-03-26\).pdf](#)

## [D. Purchasing Manager's Memo - \(ITB #262610\) - Dunedin Golf Club Maintenance Services.pdf](#)

### **Background:**

The City of Dunedin assumed the oversight and management of the Dunedin Golf Club effective March 1, 2024. One aspect of the City's management responsibilities is to employ the services of a contractor to maintain the grounds of the Dunedin Golf Course.

Approaching the conclusion of the initial three (3) year contract period, a review of current maintenance levels and market conditions led to a decision to solicit new bids for these specialized maintenance services. On, April 16, 2026, the City issued Bid #26 -2610 - Dunedin Golf Club Course Maintenance Services, with bids accepted until May 28, 2026.

The invitation to bid solicited the services of a contractor qualified to maintain the Dunedin Golf Course, and other common areas, to the highest quality of maintenance possible within the specified parameters. The scope of services includes maintenance of greens, tees, fairways, roughs, practice range, landscaped areas, trees, irrigation, bunkers, ponds, bridges, and course accessories. Duties include mowing, aeration, fertilization, top dressing, over seeding, weed control, cup changing, proper spacing of tee markers, leveling of tees, grooming, etc.

The Contractor shall maintain course aesthetics of landscaped areas, entrance ways, and litter control, and shall also develop and perform necessary turf management programs to maintain and improve playing conditions. The Contractor shall be responsible for all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to provide a turnkey solution required to complete the work. The bid specifications include the required minimum staffing levels (10 FTE's) consisting of a Superintendent, Supervisor, Mechanic, Irrigation Technician, Spray Technician, and Laborers.

The City received six (6) bids. BrightView Golf Maintenance, Inc., of Blue Bell, PA, submitted the lowest bid at \$868,010.08 per year, with a monthly cost of \$72,334.17. The initial contract term is expected to commence on December 1, 2026, for a period of three (3) years, with the option for two (2) additional one-year renewal periods.

A review of Brightview Golf Maintenance, Inc.'s company portfolio highlights an extensive breadth of experience with history that includes the renovation of the National Mall in Washington D.C., and, locally, Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park in downtown Tampa. Reference checks provided positive feedback, and for a more extensive review, General Manager of Golf Operations, Blair Kline visited nine (9) municipal golf courses throughout Florida that are currently maintained by Brightview. Those visits provided real

world information about their level of service and quality, with the observations showing positive results.

As such, staff hereby recommends Commission award of Bid #26-2610 for the Dunedin Golf Club Course Maintenance Services Contract to BrightView Golf Maintenance, Inc., of Blue Bell, PA, in the annual amount of \$868,010.08, under the terms and conditions as outlined herein.