



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#24-0804**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** December 3, 2024

**TITLE:** Motion Approving a Retroactive Agreement for the Riverwalk Floating Dock  
Construction Phase II – Florida Floats, Inc. d/b/a Bellingham Marine – 485-  
Day Extension – (**Commission District 2**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Retroactive Agreement with Florida Floats, Inc. d/b/a Bellingham Marine for the Riverwalk Floating Dock Construction Phase II Project, with a 485-day extension ending on April 11, 2025.

**Background**

On October 3, 2022, the City Commission awarded a Proprietary Purchase to Florida Floats, Inc. d/b/a Bellingham Marine, in the amount of \$422,890 for the manufacturing and installation of a floating dock on the north side of Riverwalk by the Esplanade Park (CAM #22-0845). The purpose of this project is to install one (1) additional section of dock and two (2) access ramps between the existing dockage at Esplanade Park to increase downtown waterway access. This project, like the original dock installation project (CAM #21-1116), will be partially funded by the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) grant.

The executed agreement from October 3, 2022, does not include the number of days for completion nor an expiration date.

A Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on April 7, 2023, designating December 13, 2023, as the final completion date. On December 13, 2023, the manufacturing of the dock was completed but there were formal complaints from Florida Power and Light (FPL) about the proposed locations of the pilings. The original design placed the necessary pilings outside the FPL easement, but FPL rejected the locations indicating the piles were “too close”. Bellingham Marine has been working with FPL to accommodate its long list of requirements.

The 485-day extension, ending on April 11, 2025, is requested to allow for potential additional delays for the fall and winter events in the Riverwalk area during the months of November and December.

## **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City for this new Agreement.

## **Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2024 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Ready.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

## **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – CAM #22-0845

Exhibit 2 – CAM #21-1116

Exhibit 3 – Executed Agreement

Exhibit 4 – Notice to Proceed

Exhibit 5 – Agreement

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