



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

22-0005

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 18, 2022

TITLE: City Commission Review of Four Unsolicited Proposals Received Pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes- (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

On December 21, 2020, the City received an unsolicited proposal, and on May 17, 2021, the City received a second unsolicited proposal, both pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, to design, construct, operate, and maintain one or more new water treatment plants and associated systems for the City's water utility.

On June 1, 2021, the City Commission approved Resolution 21-108, providing notice of intent to enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for a qualifying project submitted as an unsolicited proposal to design, construct, operate, and maintain one or more new water treatment plants and associated systems for the City's water utility, and notice of intent to accept other proposals for the same project. The period to accept other proposals ran for 90 days from the initial date of publication of June 9, 2021, to September 7, 2021. During that time, two additional proposals were received.

Pursuant to Section 255.065(15)(b), Florida Statutes, the unsolicited proposals received are currently exempt from the public records disclosure requirements of Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes and Section 24(a), Article I of the Florida Constitution.

The City contracted with Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC ("EYIA") to provide the financial analysis services for the December 21, 2020, and May 17, 2021 proposals as well as any additional proposals received during the 90-day proposal acceptance period, with associated costs funded by the proposers. The purpose of this Conference Meeting item is for the City Commission to receive presentations from City staff and EYIA. Further review and any future ranking of the proposals will be done pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the city associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2021 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Resiliency initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road, and bridge infrastructure.
- Objective: Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise.

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community.
- Objective: Improve water quality and our natural environment.

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Climate Change Element
- Goal 2: Achieve a climate-resilient community through the protection and adaptation of public infrastructure, services, and natural resources from adverse climate change impacts

- The Sanitary Sewer, Water, & Stormwater Element
- Goal 3: Develop and maintain an adequate water supply, treatment and distribution system, which meets the existing and projected needs of the service in an efficient, economical and environmentally sensitive manner.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution 21-108

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