



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

**#14-0144**

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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** February 4, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to annul award to apparent low bidder for Stranahan Park fencing  
project 11924– and award to second lowest bidder – Invitation to Bid (ITB)  
243-11311 \$86,904

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission annul the award to Gold Coast Hurricane Shutters, Inc. for the purchase and installation of decorative fencing for Stranahan Park in the amount of \$56,800 and award a contract to the second lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder, Tropic Fence, Inc., in the amount of \$86,904.

**Background**

At its December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting (CAM 13-1630, Pur-10), the City Commission approved an award to Gold Coast Hurricane Shutters, Inc. for the purchase and installation of decorative fencing for Stranahan Park. A City construction contract was prepared and sent to the vendor on December 19, 2013 and receipt confirmation was received on December 20, 2013. In accordance with the specifications of the bid, the contract was to be returned within ten days after receipt.

The exact language in the specifications is as follows:

*CONTRACT - The bidder to whom award is made shall execute a written contract to do the work and maintain the same in good repair until final acceptance by the proper authorities, and shall furnish good and sufficient bonds as specified, within ten (10) days after receiving such contract for execution. If the bidder to whom the first award is made fails to enter into a contract as provided, the award may be annulled and the contract let to the next lowest bidder who is reliable, responsible, and responsive in the opinion of the City Commission, and that bidder shall fulfill every stipulation and obligation as if such bidder were the original party to whom award was made.*

The Contract and all other required documents were not received within the required time frame. Repeated calls and e-mails to the vendor either went unreturned or with the promise that the City would receive a response soon. Considering the urgency of this project, staff is recommending the annulment of the award to Gold Coast Hurricane

Shutters, Inc., and award to the second lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder, Tropic Fence, Inc. The company has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts with the City.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$86,904 for the contracts and \$5,382 for engineering fees, for a total of \$92,286. Funding for this item is contingent upon approval of consolidated budget amendment, CAM 14-0089, which authorizes the transfer of \$21,334.00 to fund the full purchase amount necessary.

<i>Funds available as of January 29, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
331-P11924.331- 6599	STRANAHAN PARK FENCE	CAPITAL OUTLAY/ CONSTRUCTION	\$105,000.00	\$70,952.00	\$92,286.00
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$92,286.00</b>

### **Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 Initiative*, included within the **Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected, gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- **Objective 2:** Enhance the City's identity and image through well-maintained green space, parks, major corridors, gateways, and medians.

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

Related CAM: 14-0089

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation 243-11311

Exhibit 2 – Letter to Gold Coast Hurricane and Fence Inc.

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