



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

#22-0431

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 3, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving Interim Agreement for Prospect Lake Clean Water Center –
RI Flamingo Holdings, LLC (“RIDGEWOOD”), and IDE Americas, INC.
 (“IDE”) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an Interim Agreement with RI Flamingo Holdings, LLC, (“RIDGEWOOD”), and IDE Americas, INC. (“IDE”), in substantially the form attached, for placing of a pilot plant at the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant to facilitate investigation, discovery, inspection, and testing of the Prospect Wellfields Property, including soil testing and boring, environmental studies, water quality studies, surveying, and associated work.

Background

On December 21, 2020, the City received 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. The City received a second unsolicited proposal on May 17, 2021. Both were pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes.

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.

On January 18, 2022, at the Conference Meeting, City staff and Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC presented results of a technical and financial analysis. This was followed by presentations by the four proposers at the March 1, 2022, Conference Meeting. On March 1, 2022, the City Commission approved Resolution 22-57, providing notice of the decision to proceed with the unsolicited proposal submitted by RIDGEWOOD and IDE, with Kiewit Water Facilities Florida Co. (“KIEWIT”) as its design-build partner, and authorizing negotiations of a proposed interim agreement or

comprehensive agreement or both in accordance with Section 255.065 Florida Statutes.

Approval of the Interim Agreement will provide RIDGEWOOD, IDE, and KIEWIT permission to enter upon the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant and Prospect Wellfields Property for purposes of conducting pilot tests, surveys, drilling, geological assessment, utility locations, potholing of utilities, soil boring and other activities related to the development of the qualifying project to facilitate development of a Comprehensive Agreement.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

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

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 Infrastructure Focus Area
- 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 area in an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive manner.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Resolution 22-57

Exhibit 2 – Interim Agreement

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