



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0647

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: October 3, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Providing Notice of Intent to Enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for a Qualifying Project Submitted as an Unsolicited Proposal and Notice of Intent to Accept Other Proposals for the Same Project, 48-inch Water Transmission Main from Prospect Lake Clean Water Center to Fiveash Water Treatment Plant - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider a resolution providing notice of intent to enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for a qualifying project submitted as an unsolicited proposal for the design and construction of a new 48-inch water transmission main from the future Prospect Lake Clean Water Center to a connection point at Fiveash Water Treatment Plant and notice of intent to accept other proposals for the same project.

Background

On July 28, 2023, the City received an unsolicited proposal pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, for the design and construction of a new 48-inch water transmission main from the proposed Prospect Lake Clean Water Center to a connection point at Fiveash Water Treatment Plant. This new water transmission is necessary as one of the enabling projects outlined in the Comprehensive Agreement with IDE for the Prospect Clean Water Center. The Comprehensive Agreement, approved by the City Commission on February 7, 2023, requires the City to complete construction of the 4-mile water transmission main no later than September 12, 2025. Staff has engaged a consultant to initiate development of a Design Criteria Package (DCP), however the DCP must be completed, followed by procurement of a Design-Build contractor, before construction work can begin. It is estimated that proceeding with an unsolicited proposal may reduce up to one year in the overall project schedule, reducing risk of the City not meeting its obligations under the Comprehensive Agreement. The proposer submitted the required application fee of \$25,000, in accordance with Resolution No. 13-187.

The City is a responsible public entity. Pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, if the responsible public entity receives an unsolicited proposal for a qualifying project and the responsible public entity intends to enter into a comprehensive agreement for the project described in the unsolicited proposal, the responsible public entity shall publish notice in the Florida Administrative Register and a newspaper of general circulation at least once a

week for two weeks stating that the responsible public entity has received a proposal and will accept other proposals for the same project. A copy of the notice must also be mailed to each local government in the affected area.

The timeframe within which the responsible entity may accept other proposals shall be determined by the responsible public entity on a project-by-project basis. The timeframe for allowing other proposals must be at least 21 days, but no more than 120 days, after the initial date of publication. If adopted, a timeframe should be established in the resolution.

Resource Impact

A cashier's check, in the amount of \$25,000, accompanied the proposal.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2023 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

Exhibit 2 – Proposal

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