



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

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

**DATE:** June 16, 2015

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve Decorative Concrete Poles and LED Fixtures for the  
Riverwalk as a Proprietary Purchase – Municipal Lighting Systems, Inc. -  
\$119,668

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a proprietary purchase of forty-one (41) Ameron round tapered decorative concrete poles and five (5) Vertex Illuminations fixtures from Municipal Lighting Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$119,668.

**Background**

Pursuant to Section 2-189, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the City may purchase proprietary items, as defined in Section 2-173, without the necessity of public bids. The City has installed one hundred and three (103) lighting poles and fixtures along the north side of Riverwalk. Sixty-two (62) of those have been replaced recently with Ameron round tapered decorative concrete poles. The purchase of these additional decorative poles will allow for the replacement of the remaining original poles.

Ninety eight (98) of the one hundred and three (103) poles have similar lighting fixtures which can be mounted on either style pole. Five (5) poles have light fixtures that need to be upgraded since they cannot be retrofitted to the decorative concrete pole. In an effort to standardize materials for maintenance efficiency and to minimize cost, staff recommends that future poles and fixtures be uniform along Riverwalk. Municipal Lighting Systems, Inc. is the exclusive representative for sales of Ameron pole products in South Florida, and Municipal Lighting Systems, Inc. is the exclusive representative for sales of Vertex Illumination of America, Inc.'s products in Florida. (See Exhibit 2.)

In conjunction with this project, Parks and Recreation staff will be upgrading all poles along Riverwalk with new high efficiency light emitting diode (LED) bulbs resulting in increased visibility and security while reducing electrical consumption by 40 percent or more. Utilization of staff for this portion of the project reduces the overall project costs.

## **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$119,668.

Funds available as of June 3, 2015					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
331-P12117.331-6599	New Riverwalk Park Improvements	Capital / Construction	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$26,153
343-P11774.343-6599	Riverwalk Lighting	Capital / Construction	\$150,000	\$93,515	\$93,515
				<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>	<b>\$ 119,668</b>

## **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included with in the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal12: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management.

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

## **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Proposal Decorative lighting

Exhibit 2 - Sole Source Letters

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