



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

#25-0793

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: November 4, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a Retroactive Agreement and Change Order No. 1 for the
Fiveash Water Treatment Plant Sluice Gates Replacement Project – RF
Environmental Services, Inc. - \$2,439.65 and 349-day Extension -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a retroactive agreement with a 349-day extension and Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$2,439.65 with RF Environmental Services, Inc. (RFES), in substantially the forms attached, for the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant Sluice Gates Replacement.

Background

On March 19, 2024, the City Commission approved an agreement with RFES in an amount not to exceed \$901,900 for the replacement of nineteen (19) sluice gates at the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant (CAM #24-0263). This agreement expired on January 4, 2025, after the majority of the work was completed. However, at the time of the agreement's expiration, negotiations between the City and RFES regarding change orders were still ongoing.

City staff recommends that the City Commission approve a retroactive agreement and Change Order No. 1 for this project. Approval will facilitate the financial closure of the project by authorizing the final net payment of \$2,439.65 for the change order and the release of the project retainage in the amount of \$42,535. As proposed, the 349-day extension would modify the final completion date for the project to December 19, 2025.

Change Order No. 1 includes the addition and deletion of contract line items, including:

- Deletion of \$51,200 for one (1) sluice gate that was determined to be unnecessary;
- Addition of \$18,671.50 to revise the size of five (5) gates so that the tops of the gates, when closed, are level with the surrounding channel;
- Addition of \$9,564.03 to have a diving company install temporary plates over openings, allowing gate installation without interfering with plant operation; and

- Addition of \$25,404.12 for the installation of cofferdams to isolate four (4) gates and remove water from the work areas.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$2,439.65 for Change Order No. 1. Funds are available in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of October 6, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER / ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-495-7999-536-60-6599-P11589	Short-term Repairs at the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$15,430,120	\$9,194,086	\$2,439.65
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$2,439.65

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

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 – Executed Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Change Order No. 1

Exhibit 3 – Retroactive Agreement

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