



CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE

Public Works Department

Memorandum

Date: February 27, 2013

To: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

From: Albert J. Carbon, III, P.E., Public Works Director

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Re: Fire Station 54 Construction Recommendation

The purpose of this memorandum is to comply with State Statute 255.20(1)(c)10 which states:

"The project is to be awarded by a method other than a competitive selection process, and the architect or engineer of record has provided a written recommendation that the project be awarded to the private sector contractor without competitive selection, and the consideration by, and the justification of, the government body are documented, in writing, in the project file and are presented to the governing board prior to the approval required in this paragraph."

As City Engineer for the City of Fort Lauderdale, I recommend the New Fire Station 54 project be awarded to LM Development Group, Inc. a private sector contractor, without a competitive selection process. I make this recommendation with the following findings in conformance with State Statute 255.20(1)(c)10:

- Staff will issue a 14-day public notice prior to the April 16 City Commission Meeting (by April 2) in compliance with the State Statute..
- LM Development Group, Inc. is in final preparation to start construction on a commercial restaurant project. The commercial project is on a site adjacent to the current Fire Station 54. The roadway improvements required for the commercial restaurant project are affiliated and similar to the construction and roadway improvements planned for the construction of the new Fire Station 54 Project.
- The coordination of the property swap logistics, demolition of the existing fire station, necessity for roadway improvements to NE 32 Street and NE 32 Avenue and utility relocation and connections associated with the two projects makes LM Development Group, Inc. uniquely positioned and qualified to undertake the construction project.
- The coordination required between both projects will materially decrease the costs to the City for the construction of the new Fire Station 54 Project by eliminating construction contractor conflicts and reducing construction and mobility costs by having only one

contractor out on site with the required equipment and materials. This will expedite the Fire Station 54 Project and required roadway improvements, thus materially decreasing the cost of the project to the City.

- If the City waited for the completion of the restaurant project to competitively bid the Fire Station 54 Project, the City would need to acquire additional property for an extended time period to house a temporary station and would possibly have to acquire additional property for a new station which would materially increase the cost of the project.

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