



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

**#22-0829**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** September 6, 2022

**TITLE:** Presentation – Update on Public Private Partnership Negotiations for  
Water Plant Replacement- **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Background**

On December 21, 2020, the City received an unsolicited proposal, and on May 17, 2021, the City received a second unsolicited proposal, both pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, to design, construct, operate, and maintain one or more new water treatment plants and associated systems for the City's water utility.

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.

The City contracted with Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC ("EYIA") to provide the financial analysis services for the December 21, 2020 and May 17, 2021 proposals, as well as any additional proposals received during the 90-day proposal acceptance period, with associated costs funded by the proposers. City staff and EYIA presented the results of the technical and financial analysis at the January 18, 2022, Conference Meeting.

On March 1, 2022, the City Commission heard presentations from the four proposers at the Conference meeting and ranked the proposals at the March 1, 2022 Regular meeting:

- Aqualia Team
- FLW Team
- IDE Team
- NextSpring Team

The IDE Team was ranked number one. Negotiations have been on-going in three areas:

- Operations
- Labor
- Finances

Staff will be presenting an update of the project proposal along with next steps.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

### **Strategic Connections**

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

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024, 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.
- Objective: Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise.
- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community.
- Objective: Improve water quality and our natural environment.

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

This item advances the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Climate Change Element
- Goal 2: Achieve a climate-resilient community through the protection and adaptation of public infrastructure, services, and natural resources from adverse climate change impacts
- 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 in an efficient, economical and environmentally sensitive manner.

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Prospect Lake Clean Water Center Update

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