



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

#21-0262

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 21, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving Agreement for Las Olas Isles Undergrounding of
Overhead Utilities – Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co. Inc. - in
an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,733,400 - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co. Inc., for the Las Olas Isles Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities project in an amount not to exceed \$4,733,400.

Background

City staff received an application from the Las Olas Isles Homeowners Association to establish an underground utility line assessment in accordance with City Ordinance Chapter 25.129 (No. C-10).

Staff worked with Florida Power and Light (FPL), AT&T, and Comcast, the prevalent area utility companies, on topographic surveys and designs necessary for implementing an undergrounding project. In accordance with the Ordinance, staff issued ballots to property owners within the proposed underground utility assessment area providing an estimate of the total underground utility assessment costs and drawings depicting the location and dimensions of all associated above-grade structures. The deadline for the submission of ballots was June 20, 2019, and almost 90% of the respondents supported establishing an underground utility line assessment.

This project's scope aims to convert existing overhead electric and communication utilities to underground in the area known as Las Olas Isles. Scope of work involves conduit, cable, transformers, switch pads including primary and secondary termination installations for FPL and the installation of conduit and related facilities for Comcast as well as AT&T. The Contractor will also provide the service modification to customers affected by the conversion of overhead customer service to an underground lateral.

On September 30, 2020, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid No.12453-613. The City received five (5) bids in response to the solicitation, which were opened on November 3, 2020. The quantities contained in the bid tab are estimated

based on the proposed scope of work. However, staff anticipates minor adjustments will be necessary during construction and reimbursement will only be made based on actual quantities used. Proposed quantities used will also be dependent the securing of all necessary easements. None of the five (5) vendors have indicated its status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. The bid submitted by Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co. Inc. has met all the specifications of the solicitation, and has been deemed the lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount up to \$4,733,400 for the agreement award with allowances included, and \$350,000 for estimated in-house project management fees for a total cost of \$5,083,400. Funds for this agreement, in the total amount of \$5,083,400, are available in the FY 2021 Community Investment Plan in the account(s) listed below.

<i>Funds available as of December 9, 2021</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
354-P11715.354-6534	Las Olas Isles Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$8,750,000	\$8,741,087	\$4,733,400
354-P11715.354-6501	Las Olas Isles Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities	Capital Outlay/ Force Account	\$8,750,000	\$8,741,087	\$350,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$5,083,400

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2021 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure 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, 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 Neighborhood Advancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 2: Encourage urban design which responds to the climate and character of Fort Lauderdale, is pedestrian friendly, human scaled and contains the infrastructure and amenities to create a vibrant public realm.

Related CAMs

#21-0191

#21-0192

#21-0193

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 2 - Agreement

Exhibit 3 - Solicitation

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