



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

#25-0792

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: September 16, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a Retroactive Agreement for the River Oaks Stormwater Improvements Project – Ric-Man Construction Florida, Inc., - 311-Day Extension – **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Retroactive Agreement with Ric-Man Construction Florida, Inc. (Ric-Man) for the River Oaks Stormwater Improvements Project, with a 311-day extension ending on December 31, 2025.

Background

On September 9, 2021, the City Commission awarded a construction agreement to Ric-Man in the amount of \$25,043,981.79 for construction of the River Oaks Stormwater Improvements Project (CAM #21-0803). The project consists of stormwater infrastructure installation, utility relocation/installation, swale reconstruction, and pavement restoration.

A Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on December 13, 2021, with 913 calendar days for substantial completion and 1,003 calendar days for final completion. On October 30, 2023, Change Order No. 1 was approved adding 105 days to the agreement, making the new final completion date December 25, 2024. On January 3, 2025, Change Order No. 2 was approved adding 60 days to the contract, making the new final completion date February 23, 2025.

As a result of a Notice of Potential Enforcement Action (NOPEA) issued by the Broward County Environmental Permitting Division, the City and Ric-Man agreed to implement a wetland mitigation plan once the project was completed due to unauthorized dewatering activities within the River Oaks Preserve.

City staff recommend the City Commission approve the proposed retroactive agreement effectively providing for a 311-day extension from February 23, 2025. The agreement will allow additional time to implement a wetland mitigation plan as part of an agreement between the City, Ric-Man, and Broward County via the Resilient Environment Permitting Division. If approved, the final completion date will be December 31, 2025.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City for this retroactive agreement.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2025 *Commission* Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure 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 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Retroactive Agreement

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