



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0869

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: September 16, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a Second Retroactive Agreement and Change Order No. 3 for the Proprietary Purchase for the Manufacturing and Installation of the Riverwalk Floating Docks Construction Phase II – Florida Floats, Inc. d/b/a Bellingham Marine – 180-Day Extension and \$94,721 – (**Commission District 2**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a second retroactive agreement with a 180-calendar day extension and Change Order No.3 in the amount of \$94,721 with Florida Floats, Inc. d/b/a Bellingham Marine (Bellingham Marine), in substantially the forms attached, for the Proprietary Purchase for the Manufacturing and Installation of Riverwalk Floating Dock Construction Phase II.

Background

On October 3, 2022, the City Commission awarded a proprietary purchase to Bellingham Marine, in the amount of \$422,890, for the manufacturing and installation of a floating dock on the north side of Riverwalk at Esplanade Park (CAM #22-0845). A Notice to Proceed was issued on April 7, 2023, designating December 13, 2023, as the final completion date.

On June 29, 2023, Change Order No. 1 was approved for \$7,553.70 to add handrails and omit cleats so the dock could be used as an observational dock until the City could obtain a Marine Facilities Operating License to permit each dock's use as a boat slip. Once the marine licenses were secured, the handrails were removed, and cleats were installed for boat use.

On December 13, 2023, manufacturing of the dock was completed but there were formal complaints from Florida Power and Light (FPL) regarding the proposed piling locations. Although the original design located all pilings outside of the FPL easement, FPL rejected the layout, citing that the piles were "too close" to its utility infrastructure.

In response, Bellingham Marine initiated ongoing coordination with FPL to address a comprehensive list of requirements. The original agreement expired on December 13,

2023, before all the requirements were met. To accommodate the time required to address the additional project requirements, a retroactive agreement was approved by the City Commission on December 3, 2024, extending the completion date to April 11, 2025 (CAM #24-0804).

On April 7, 2025, Change Order No. 2 was approved for an additional 120 days moving the final completion date to August 9, 2025. The additional days were added due to the proximity of the underwater FPL cable crossings near the floating docks. The first retroactive agreement expired on that date before all the project requirements were met.

Bellingham Marine has continued to work closely with FPL to address a comprehensive set of requirements, which necessitated Change Order No. 3 to allow for the storage of the assembled floating dock.

The proposed second retroactive agreement adds the engagement of a new subcontractor, GeoSonics Inc., to conduct vibration monitoring during pile installation to ensure compliance with FPL's requested conditions. The second retroactive agreement for an additional 180-day extension through February 5, 2026, has become necessary to provide adequate time to accommodate potential delays and ensure the project is completed in full compliance with all utility coordination requirements.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$94,721 for Change Order No. 3. and funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Investment Plan in the accounts listed below.

Funds available as of August 18, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-331-9100-572-60-6599-P12369A	Riverwalk Floating Docks Phase II Match	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$322,000	\$79,943.14	\$79,942.85
10-129-9300-572-60-6599-22P12369.129A	Riverwalk Floating Docks Phase II	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$230,000	\$141,490.50	\$14,778.15
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$94,721.00

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 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 Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality park and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Second Retroactive Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Subconsultant Authorization Letter

Exhibit 3 – Change Order No. 3

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