



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

#24-0775

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: September 17, 2024

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Bids for Mills Pond Park Improvements – Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 281 – **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission rejects all bids received in response to Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 281 for Mills Pond Park Improvements.

Background

The Scope of Work for Mills Pond Park was developed based on the prioritized improvements identified through the Parks Bond Program public engagement process. The work to be accomplished under this agreement includes, but is not limited to:

- Improvements to an 1,878 square foot concessions and restroom building for the softball complex.
- Improvements to a 360 square foot bathroom building for the north soccer fields.
- Installation of ADA picnic tables and grills, trash receptacles, sod, irrigation, traffic and parking signs, concrete pads, and sidewalks.
- A new playground, boat ramp, covered basketball court.
- Parking and event stage improvements.

On May 10, 2024, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 281. The City received the following two (2) bids in response to the solicitation, which was opened on June 24, 2024.

1. Vercetti Enterprises, LLC
2. Sky Living Co. Inc

None of these firms listed their status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

The bids received exceeded the budget allocated for the project. The lowest bid exceeded the engineer's estimate by \$1,704,522 (or about 61%). Staff recommends rejecting both bids and reassessing the project approach, scope, and estimate.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2024 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Places initiative.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

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 parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation Part 1

Exhibit 2 – Solicitation Part 2

Exhibit 3 – Solicitation Part 3

Exhibit 4 – Solicitation Part 4

Exhibit 5 – Solicitation Part 5

Exhibit 6 – Bid Tabulation

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