



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

#26-0377

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 584-3 for
Fireworks - Island Outdoor Management DBA North Florida Pyrotechnics -
\$851,689.24 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 584-3, Fireworks, with Island Outdoor Management DBA North Florida Pyrotechnics, for a fixed and firm five (5)-year total contract amount of \$851,689.24, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

Every year the City of Fort Lauderdale hosts free, family-friendly events on July 4 (4th of July Spectacular) and New Year's Eve (Downtown Countdown). Both events are widely anticipated and include professionally organized fireworks displays.

Traditionally, the fireworks display during the 4th of July Spectacular is launched off the coast from a barge in the Atlantic Ocean, making the display visible to thousands of spectators. The proposed five (5)-year agreement provides for a fireworks display at the 4th of July Spectacular starting at 8:45 p.m. and lasting fifteen (15) minutes.

The fireworks for the Downtown Countdown event are launched from a floating dock in the New River. The fireworks display will be timed to begin when the countdown ends at midnight and will last five (5) minutes. Both events support local businesses by increasing foot traffic to nearby restaurants, shops, and hotels.

On February 25, 2026, the City, via the Procurement Services Department, issued ITB Event No. 584-3 for Fireworks. Three (3) addendums were issued to clarify language in Section 2.29, Award of Contract, and to extend the deadline to maximize competition. Bidders were required to submit their annual price, for the fireworks show for 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030. Bidders had the option to bid either the 4th of July Spectacular, the Downtown Countdown, or both events.

The solicitation closed on March 20, 2026, and the City received four (4) bids from the

following bidders:

- Island Outdoor Management, Inc. DBA North Florida Pyrotechnics
- My Three Sons Fireworks Company LLC
- Pyro Productions Inc.
- Starfire Corporation

The bid response from Island Outdoor Management, Inc. DBA North Florida Pyrotechnics met the solicitation requirements and was deemed the low, responsive, and responsible bidder for the combined total for the 4th of July Spectacular and Downtown Countdown fireworks displays.

Staff recommends award to Island Outdoor Management, Inc. DBA North Florida Pyrotechnics.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$139,500 are available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget in the account listed below. Future funding is contingent upon appropriation.

<i>Funds available as of April 27, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6025-574-30-3299-PSE001	Community Events	Services/Materials / Other Services	\$462,300	\$148,186	\$139,500
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$139,500

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

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 Ready.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & 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

Exhibit 2 - Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 3 - Agreement

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