



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

#23-0010

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: February 21, 2023

TITLE: Motion Rescinding Award to Batallan Enterprises Inc. dba Property Works
- \$348,001 and Rejecting the Remaining Bids for Janitorial Services -
(**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission rescind its award to Batallan Enterprises Inc. dba Property Works and reject the remaining bids in response to Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 12711-723 - Janitorial Services.

Background

On November 1, 2022, the City Commission approved the bid award and subsequent agreement for Janitorial Services to Batallan Enterprises, Inc. dba Property Works, (CAM 22-0893). After Commission approval, the Procurement Services Division requested that Property Works execute the agreement, but Property Works claimed its pricing was not pursuant to the bid specifications and it could not honor its submitted bid.

Soon thereafter, the Procurement Services Division proceeded to move forward with the next low, responsive, and responsible bidder, I & G Cleaning, Inc. During the reference check process, I & G refused to move forward and sent the Procurement Services Division an email requesting to be removed from consideration for award.

The next low, responsive, and responsible bidder, Image Janitorial Services Inc. was contacted. Image Janitorial Services Inc. is a current janitorial services contractor for Parks and Recreation and has been a City contractor for many years. Reference checks for the business were conducted, and all references came back positive; however, several of their prospective employees failed to meet the minimum background requirements. As a result, the Procurement Services Division was informed by the Police Department that instead of contracting out for janitorial services, the Police Department will be hiring employees to perform these services internally.

Resource Impact

There will be no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Provide safe, well-maintained, and efficient facilities and capital assets.

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

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