



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

**#25-0047**

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

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** February 18, 2025

**TITLE:** Motion Approving a Retroactive Agreement for the Fire Rescue Station 8  
Project – Burke Construction Group, Inc. – 1,461-day extension –  
(Commission District 4)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Retroactive Agreement with Burke Construction Group, Inc. (Burke) for the Fire Rescue Station 8 Project, with a 1,461-day extension ending on April 1, 2025.

**Background**

On August 21, 2018, the City Commission awarded a construction agreement to Burke in the amount of \$4,315,130 for construction of Fire Rescue Station 8 (CAM #18-0815). The Project was a new building located at 1717 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. It is a one-story building with three (3) bays and associated infrastructure with approximately 10,191 square feet. The building is certified by the Florida Green Building Coalition.

A Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on October 15, 2018, with 360 calendar days as the original time to be substantially complete and 390 calendar days as the original time for final completion. Various change orders ultimately extended the Agreement to April 1, 2021.

During construction several obstacles were encountered which delayed the construction completion, including delays during procurement and delivery of materials, unforeseen permitting requirements with the Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC) and Broward County for a synchronization circuit installation. The FEC directional bore installation was the most impactful event to the project schedule.

During construction, Burke's electrical subcontractor discovered that the existing conduit was insufficient to accommodate the new circuit. As a result, the City agreed with the Engineer of Record to apply for a new permit to run new conduits underneath the railroad tracks, recognizing that the FEC is the only entity capable of permitting and performing the work. As the City could not foresee the future timeline of the scheduled FEC work, it was not reasonable to forecast a time extension. The City agreed with Burke to issue a

Substantial Completion on October 10, 2019, and a Certificate of Occupancy on March 24, 2021, to allow the use of the building while working with the process until FEC completed the necessary electrical work.

On March 12, 2024, all work was completed and inspected. A 1,461-day extension from the Original Agreement Expiration Date of April 1, 2021 will be required to complete the final retainage payment of \$81,805.44.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City for this new 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 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.

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

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

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