



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

#13-0806

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 2, 2013

TITLE: Motion to approve a Time Extension to the Grant Agreement between the
Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Fort
Lauderdale for River Oaks Stormwater Park Grant Funds

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a time extension to the grant agreement, extending the deadline from August 31, 2013 to February 28, 2015, and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City.

Background

On September 21, 2010 (CR-04, #10-1057), the City Commission accepted a grant in the amount of \$800,000 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to prepare the existing River Oaks Stormwater Park design.

To date, the City has completed five (5) of the six (6) grant stipulated activities (i.e., purchase of property; facilitation of meetings; stormwater preserve design; bidding for restoration construction; restoration construction of site to historic elevation) listed in the FDEP Grant. The sixth activity pertains to permitting and is currently in process.

A fund balance of approximately \$151,000 exists for this grant due to the scope of work being brought to completion under budget. Staff has reviewed the project and identified additional value added scope (identified in Attachment "A") that can be performed (e.g., boardwalk design; FDOT easement coordination, parking design, pier design, fencing, additional permitting, etc.) with the remaining grant funds in coordination and with approval from the FDEP. Upon FDEP's approval of the proposed additional scope of work, a separate Commission agenda item will be prepared and presented to the City Commission for acceptance and approval to execute the additional scope of work.

Staff therefore requests City Commission to approve the time extension to the grant agreement between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Fort Lauderdale, and further authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to amend this grant accordingly upon adoption.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Grant Amendment Request 1

Exhibit 2 – Attachment A – Grant Work Plan

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