



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

**#25-0672**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** June 30, 2025

**TITLE:** Motion Approving an Agreement for the SE 25 Avenue 6-inch Diameter Watermain Replacement Project - Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC - \$620,700 - (**Commission District 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for the SE 25 Avenue 6-inch Diameter Watermain Replacement Project, with Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$620,700, which includes allowances of \$5,000 for permit and testing fees and contingencies of \$30,000 for additional labor and material.

**Background**

The SE 25 Avenue 6-inch Diameter Watermain Replacement project includes the installation of a new 8-inch diameter potable watermain along the east side of SE 25 Avenue from the 17 Street Ramp to SE 19 Place (Barbara Drive) and connecting to the existing 8-inch watermain on the west side of SE 25 Avenue. Approximately 1,100 linear feet of existing 6-inch diameter watermain needs to be replaced because it is undersized for the service area and in a deteriorated condition. The project scope involves replacing the existing watermain using a pipe bursting method, replacing water services, installing a new fire hydrant, and restoring the affected areas.

On February 28, 2025, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 419-1 – SE 25 Avenue 6-inch Diameter Watermain Replacement. Addendum 1 was issued on April 1, 2025, to extend the bid due date to April 8, 2025, because no bids were received at that time, and to add the Proposed Watermain Plan and Profile drawing.

The City received the following three (3) bids in response to the solicitation, which opened on April 8, 2025:

1. Contractors Services Unlimited, Inc d/b/a CSU Florida
2. David Mancini & Sons, Inc.
3. Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC

None of these firms claimed a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status. These firms were reviewed for compliance with the solicitation requirements. During the due diligence review it was determined that the apparent low bidder, Contractors Services Unlimited, Inc (CSU), did not provide adequate references or project examples relevant to the scope of this project. Accordingly, the firm was deemed non-responsible.

Since the bid from the next low bidder, Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC (Murphy) was \$217,201.73 higher than the apparent low bidder, CSU, the Procurement Services Division requested a voluntary price reduction. Murphy responded by voluntarily reducing their bid prices by \$20,050, from \$640,750 to \$620,700. Murphy met all the solicitation requirements of the ITB and is deemed the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$620,700 for the construction agreement, which includes allowances and contingencies of \$35,000; \$60,350 for construction, engineering, inspection fees; and \$65,101 for in-house project management costs, for a total cost of \$746,151. Funds for this agreement, in the amount of \$8,151 are available in the FY 2025 Community Investment Plan in the accounts listed below, with \$738,000 contingent upon approval by the City Commission and appropriation via approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM #25-0562.

<b>Funds available as of June 19, 2025</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE* (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-454-7999-536-60-6599- P12805	Small Watermain Abandonment - SE 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$225,000	\$28,201	\$8,151
10-495-7999-536-60-6599- P12805	Small Watermain Abandonment - SE 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$0	\$0	\$738,000
<b>PURCHASE AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$746,151</b>

\* Includes funds in the amount of \$1,000 Committed/Available in requisition #17200.

### **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 and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a sustainable and resilient 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 Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water, & Stormwater Element
- Goal 3: Develop and maintain an adequate water supply, treatment and distribution system, which meets the existing and projected needs of the service area in an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive manner.

**Related CAM**

CAM #25-0562

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 3 – Construction Agreement

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