



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

**#23-0039**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** January 10, 2023

**TITLE:** Motion Rejecting All Bids for American Legion, Robert Bethel - Renovations  
(Rebid) - (**Commission District 3**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all bids received for American Legion, Robert Bethel - Renovations (Rebid).

**Background**

On May 24, 2022, the Procurement Services Division on behalf of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 12694-923 for renovations to the Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220 at 1455 Sistrunk Boulevard. A total of three (3) responses were received on July 14, 2022.

Staff recommends all bids be rejected due to the following:

The CRA Board of Commissioners approved on August 19, 2019, a Property and Business Improvement Program Forgivable Loan in the amount of \$225,000 and a CRA Façade Program Forgivable Loan in the amount of \$125,000; and on September 22, 2022, a Property Business Improvement Loan in the amount of \$416,000 to the Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220 was approved because of escalating cost in construction. These collective loans in the total amount of \$766,000 will provide for substantial renovation and expansion of the building consisting of increasing the square footage from 960 square feet to 2,544 square feet and constructing a contemporary and open building with high ceilings and windows, a large area for meetings and special events, a new modern kitchen, new handicap accessible restrooms, an outdoor social gathering and event area, office, and storage space. The American Legion, Robert Bethel, will hire its own contractor to perform the work. The CRA will provide construction monitoring services and will make progress payments to the contractor upon receipt and verification of work in place.

As a result, there is no need for the City to enter into a contract and move forward with the solicitation.

## **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

## **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2022 Commission Priority*, advancing the Smart Growth initiative.

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.

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

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Future Land Use Element
- Goal 2: Sustainable Development: The City shall encourage sustainable, smart growth which designates areas for future growth, promotes connectivity, social equity, preservation of neighborhood character and compatibility of uses.

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