



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

#25-0888

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving the First Amendment to the Construction Agreement for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Implementation to Authorize the Issuance of Change Orders as May Be Deemed Necessary and Approve Change Order No. 1 to Provide Enhanced Community Outreach and Increase Contract Amount - Core & Main LP - \$264,723.25 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the First Amendment to the Construction Agreement for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Implementation with Core & Main LP, in substantially the form attached, to authorize the issuance of change orders as may be deemed necessary, and approve Change Order No. 1 to provide enhanced community outreach and increase the contract amount by \$264,723.25 for said services, from \$69,876,703.03 to \$70,141,426.28.

Background

On November 10, 2022, the City, via the Procurement Services Division, issued Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 12738-1035, AMI Implementation. A total of eight (8) firms submitted proposals. However, on July 5, 2023, the City Commission approved a motion rejecting all proposals received in response to the RFP to provide greater clarity, consistency, and specificity in definition of the AMI scope and requirements (CAM #23-0671).

On October 16, 2023, Procurement Services re-issued an RFP (Event No. 193) for the AMI Implementation with a revised scope, minimum requirements, evaluation criteria, and price sheets with a due date to receive proposals of December 1, 2023. A sole proposal was received from Core & Main LP by the stated deadline.

On July 2, 2024, the City Commission approved agreements with Core & Main LP and its business partners, in the total amount of \$69,876,703.03 for AMI Implementation (CAM #24-0215).

As the AMI project has progressed and a baseline communications plan has been developed, staff has identified the need for additional community outreach and

engagement services to ensure clear, transparent communication with all residents throughout the project implementation lifecycle. The proposed Change Order No. 1 will include a multi-strategy approach of branded outreach materials and messaging, strategic distribution of printed materials, and multilingual project hotline and email support. The goal is to ensure effective, in-depth communication with the community about the AMI implementation.

To allow for these additional services, the Agreement (Exhibit 1) must be amended as it does not contemplate or include provisions for the issuance of Change Orders, nor does it contemplate modifications to the scope, price, or schedule. Therefore, the First Amendment to the Construction Agreement will add Section VI. "General Conditions," sub-section NN. "Change Orders" to allow for this current and any future change orders as may be required (Exhibit 2).

When the Agreement was initially solicited and awarded, it was based on certain assumptions regarding software system integration requirements, equipment quantities, and existing field conditions. As the systems' integration efforts are underway and a comprehensive physical audit of all water meters has been completed, this updated information necessitates flexibility in revising the original scope through change orders to address changes or unforeseeable conditions or circumstances.

City staff requested the contractor provide a change order proposal to include the additional work required to conduct additional community outreach prior to deployment of the meter exchange. To account for the additional scope of work, City staff recommends the City Commission approve the proposed, negotiated Change Order No. 1, at a cost of \$264,723.25 (Exhibit 3).

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$264,723.25 for this Change Order and funds are available in the FY 2026 Community Investment Plan in the accounts listed below.

Funds available as of September 4, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-454-7999-533-60-6599- P12716	Advanced Metering Infrastructure Implementation	Capital Outlay/Consultant Engineering	\$264,724	\$264,724	\$264,723.25
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$264,723.25

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 3: 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.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Executed Agreement

Exhibit 2 – First Amendment

Exhibit 3 – Change Order No. 1

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