



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

#22-0684

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 5, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving Agreement for DC Alexander Park Improvement Project
– Shiff Construction & Development, Inc. – \$9,098,926.87 - (**Commission
District 2**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Shiff Construction & Development, Inc., for DC Alexander Park Improvement Project in the amount of \$9,098,926.87.

Background

The purpose of the proposed project is to revitalize and create a 1.2-acre oceanfront park that is both vibrant and uniquely branded for local residents, tourists, and citizens of Fort Lauderdale. Key improvements include signature playground installation, elevated viewing platform overlooking the ocean, elevated ramp/walkway with play elements incorporated into the grade changes, terraced walls with landscape beautification, decorative metal canopy/trellis, and public restroom.

The work to be accomplished under this contract includes, but is not limited to, site clearing and demolition, tree relocations, landscaping, pedestrian lighting and site furnishings, pavers, decorative concrete, structural concrete and masonry, deep foundations, waterproofing, epoxy flooring, plumbing, bathroom fixtures, HVAC, site electrical, architectural/decorative metal, playground installation, mass site grading, site civil utilities, streetscape improvements along NE 5th Street, and sidewalk and landscape improvements along North Bound and South-Bound State Road A1A.

On January 4, 2022, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid No. 12616-423. The City received the following three (3) bids in response to the solicitation, which were opened on February 28, 2022:

1. Home Express Corp.
2. Shiff Construction and Development, Inc.
3. West Construction, Inc.

All bids were reviewed for compliance with the solicitation specifications and none of the three (3) vendors listed their status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). During the evaluation process, Home Express Corp. withdrew its bid and confirmed its pricing for three (3) line items was incorrect and should have been higher.

As such, the second lowest bid (West Construction Inc.) was then considered for award. However, City staff discovered that in 2013, the City of Fort Lauderdale terminated its contract with West Construction. A Settlement Agreement was entered and agreed upon between the City and the bidder. Furthermore in 2021, Collier County and West Construction had a similar situation and entered into a Settlement Agreement. West Construction failed to disclose these prior acts and settlements which relate to the quality of its performance on similar projects. For these reasons, West Construction Inc. was deemed non-responsible.

Therefore, since Shiff Construction & Development Inc. met all the solicitation requirements, the firm was deemed the most responsive, and responsible bidder. Additionally, the award amount of \$9,098,926.87 includes a voluntary price reduction secured by the Procurement Services Division from Shiff Construction & Development Inc. of \$91,150.78.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$9,098,926.87 for the contract award (with allowances included) and \$503,582.35 for estimated project management fees, for a total cost of \$9,602,509.22. Funds for proposed project in the amount of \$9,602,150.22 are available in the FY 2022 Community Investment Plan in the accounts listed below.

<i>Funds available as of June 21, 2022</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
350-P12373.350-6599	DC Alexander Park Improvement Project	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$9,600,000	\$9,600,000	\$9,508,850
346-P12373.346-6599	DC Alexander Park Improvement Project	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$589,906	\$93,660	\$93,660
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$9,602,510

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Building a healthy and engaging community.

- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone.

This item advances the *Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are Here*.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1A – Solicitation

Exhibit 1B – Solicitation

Exhibit 1C – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 3 – Bid Withdrawal Letter – Home Express Corp.

Exhibit 4 – Agreement

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