



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

#25-0426

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 6, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement for the Butler Building Upgrade at George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant – Walker Design & Construction Co. – \$2,705,087.82 – (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for the Butler Building Upgrade at George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant with Walker Design & Construction Co., in the amount of \$2,705,087.82, which includes allowances of \$65,000 for permits, licenses, fees, and information technology security and access control.

Background

The Butler Building Upgrade project is situated in the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 1401 SW 21st Street. City staff performed an onsite condition assessment of the existing building, which was originally constructed in 1988. Through the assessment, it was determined that the structure is obsolete and is deemed unsuitable for habitation. The structure will be demolished, and a new structure will be erected. The new building will serve as a material and equipment storage facility and house administrative offices for the Parks and Recreation Department maintenance team.

On October 29, 2024, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 378-3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) was not a requirement for the solicitation. The solicitation opened on December 17, 2024, and the City received the following two (2) bids in response to the solicitation after two (2) bid deadline extensions and supplier outreach to encourage participation:

1. Walker Design & Construction Co. (Walker)
2. Vercetti Enterprises, LLC

The bids were reviewed for compliance, and both were deemed responsive and responsible. Walker, the low bidder, offered the City an additional \$8,794.55 voluntary price reduction, decreasing their bid price from \$2,648,882.37 to \$2,640,087.82. Walker is recommended for award.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$2,705,087.82 for the contract award which includes \$65,000 for allowances, and an additional \$429,174 for in-house project management and construction, engineering, inspection (CEI) for a total cost of \$3,134,261.82. Funds for agreement in the amount of \$3,134,261.82 are available in the FY 2025 Community Investment Plan in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of April 24, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-331-9100-536-60-6599-P12171	Butler Building Upgrade at GTL Wellfield	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$3,822,156	\$3,134,262	\$3,134,261.82
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$3,134,261.82

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: Build 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: To develop and maintain an adequate wastewater collection and treatment system, which meets existing and projected needs of the City and adjacent users in the Central Wastewater Region.
- The Internal Support Focus Area
- The Capital Improvements Element
- Goal 1: The City will strive to provide infrastructure as appropriate to meet the standards set forth within the comprehensive plan elements, by preserving, modifying and replacing existing infrastructure and providing new infrastructure related to growth and resiliency.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 3 – Agreement

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