



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#13-1110

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2013

TITLE: Motion to Approve Task Order 2 with Keith and Schnars, P.A. in the
Amount of \$77,975 – Underground Utility Planning Service Area for
Idlewyld/Riviera Isles Area “A” (UUPSA Area “A”) – Undergrounding of
Utility Facilities

Recommendation

It is recommended the City Commission approve Task Order 2 with Keith and Schnars, P.A. for civil engineering utility design, construction management, appraisal and community outreach consultant services for undergrounding utility lines for Idlewyld/Riviera Isles Area “A” (UUPSA Area “A”) in the amount of \$77,975.

Background

On June 17, 2008, the City Commission approved a motion accepting the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA) Selection Committee’s recommendation of ranking firms for Civil Engineering Utility Design Consultant Services Continuing Contract and authorized the proper City Officials to commence negotiations with the highest ranked proposal – Keith and Schnars, P.A. On December 16, 2008, the City Commission authorized the proper City Officials to award and execute an agreement with Keith and Schnars, P.A. – Civil Engineering Utility Design Consultant Services – Continuing Contract.

On May 18, 2010, the City Commission adopted an Ordinance which establishes a process for communities to follow in order to underground their overhead utilities (power, telephone, cable TV, etc.) and creates a mechanism for the benefited community to pay the cost of undergrounding through special assessment. On September 18, 2012 and October 2, 2012 the City Commission adopted on first reading and second reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 25 – Streets and Sidewalks, providing for undergrounding of utility facilities and underground utility line assessment program.

The following Amendment has been included in Code Amendment – Chapter 25, Streets and Sidewalks:

1. Section 25-129.4. - Inclusion of a fee method of reimbursement to the City of any “upfront costs” for preparation of construction plans and detailed cost estimates. Modification that the ballot process will begin at 90% completion of construction plans. Modification to the completed ballot turnaround time by the owner back to the City Clerk’s office from 6 months to 30 days. Requirement that the ballot include drawings depicting the location and dimensions of all associated above-grade structures accessory to the Underground Utility Line Facilities (UULF).

The original concept for the undergrounding project was to combine the design and construction of all four communities (Idlewyld, Riviera Isles, Las Olas Isles, and Seven Isles) into one project. Florida Power and Light (FPL) anticipated a minimum 24-month design period for all four communities. In an effort to streamline the design initiatives and expedite the start of construction, the overall project has now been divided into three project areas with design and construction to be coordinated in three separate phases in the following order:

- Area A – Idlewyld / Riviera Isles
- Area B – Las Olas Isles
- Area C – Seven Isles

On May 21, 2013, the City Commission adopted a Resolution establishing UUPSA Area “A” in anticipation of the initial upfront costs to be incurred for the utility underground project. On July 2, 2013, the City Commission adopted a resolution setting a fee of \$553.45 per property within the UUPSA Area “A” or \$23.06 per month for the 24-month repayment term.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$77,975 (reimbursable). Funding was appropriated on August 20, 2013, CAM 13-0965.

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FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
331	01	General Capital Projects	P11714.331	Idlewyld/Riveria Isles Undergrounding of Utilities	6599	Construction	77,975.00
TOTAL							77,975.00

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Task Order

Exhibit 2 – Underground Utility Planning Service Area (UUPSA) Map

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