



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0772

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: November 4, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a Retroactive Agreement and Change Order No. 5 for
Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement Project – HBC Engineering Company
– 250-Day Extension and \$545,201.33 – (**Commission District 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a retroactive agreement with a 250-day extension and Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$545,201.33 with HBC Engineering Company (HBC), in substantially the forms attached, for the Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement Project.

Background

On December 5, 2023, the City Commission awarded a Consultant Services Agreement with HBC in the amount of \$682,534.41 for the Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement Project for consultant services (CAM #23-0852). The agreement included services such as replacing a section of seawall (approximately 510 feet), and the construction of a new seawall along the waterfront of the existing seawall, removal of existing infrastructure (piles, pile-supported walkway and the existing seawall), and the installation of a floating dock.

The Project also included the replacement of the seawall cap top slab located underneath the South Andrews Avenue Bridge, improvements to the utilities located on the dock, new electrical and water utility connections, new electrical shore-ties pedestals, and new water and salt resistant pier lighting. Upon completion, the replaced seawall cap will have an increased height, in conformance with City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-16-13, which takes into consideration sea level rise parameters.

A Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on April 9, 2024, designating December 5, 2024, as the original final completion date.

Change Order No. 2 was approved on November 13, 2024, providing an additional thirty (30) calendar days and establishing January 4, 2025, as the revised final completion date. This extension was necessary because the Project completion was delayed as coordination efforts with Florida Power and Light (FPL) were ongoing.

On January 2, 2025, Change Order No. 3 was approved to add forty-five (45) calendar days in response to further FPL requirements, setting February 18, 2025, as the new final completion date.

On March 10, 2025, Change Order No. 4 was approved to add 120 calendar days to accommodate the addition of a pump-out station, establishing June 18, 2025, as the current final completion date.

This Project has experienced significant delays as the project team continued to address stakeholder concerns and the need to incorporate these adjustments into the scope of work to advance the Project.

The proposed retroactive agreement (Exhibit 1) extends the final completion date from June 18, 2025, to February 23, 2026. The proposed additional 250 calendar day extension is being requested to include the time required to make the necessary modifications requested by stakeholders to include:

- Relocation of the floating dock to the west end of the Project area;
- All pedestrian areas within the Project limits will be raised to match the new seawall elevation;
- The 9/11 Monument will be raised to match proposed grade;
- Revision of three (3) permit application forms and calculations;
- Revision of the permit application supporting documents (GIS figures, JaxBO form for USACE, etc.);
- Updates to benthic report figures and text;
- Supplemental topographic survey (Submerged Land Survey – SLS);
- Completion of thirty (30) utility test holes; and
- The addition of a living seawall behind floating dock (approximately 120 Linear Feet)

These modifications have impacted the original design schedule and budget; however, they are critical to ensuring regulatory compliance, addressing community needs, and advancing long term resilience objectives. City staff recommend the City Commission approve the retroactive agreement and Change Order No. 5 for an additional 250-day extension, through February 23, 2026 to provide sufficient time to finalize the design, accommodate potential delays, and prepare the Project for subsequent construction phases.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact on the City in the amount of \$545,201.33 for Change Order No. 5. Funds for this change order are available in the FY 2025 Community Investment Plan in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of October 2, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER / ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-331-9100-539-60-6534-P11722	Riverwalk Seawall Replacement Northside	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$4,938,735	\$3,967,746	\$545,201.33
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$545,201.33

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- The Public Places Focus Area: Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming 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 Climate Change Element
- Goal 2: Achieve a climate-resilient community through the protection and adaptation of public infrastructure, services, and natural resources from adverse climate change impacts
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water, and Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – New Retroactive Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Change Order No. 5

Exhibit 3 – Change Orders (Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4) Summary

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