




CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0228

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 

DATE: February 7, 2023

TITLE: **WALK ON** - Motion Approving an Agreement for Las Olas Isles
Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities - Ferreira Construction Southern
Division Co. Inc., - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an Agreement with Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co. Inc, (Ferreira) for the Las Olas Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities, retroactive to September 16, 2022.

Background

On December 21, 2021, the City approved an agreement with Ferreira for the Las Olas Isles Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities project in an amount not to exceed \$4,733,400. The Project's scope was to convert existing overhead electric and communication utilities to underground in the area known as Las Olas Isles, which requires significant coordination with Florida Power and Light (FPL), AT&T, and Comcast.

As a result of major adjustments to the project, several miscalculations and omissions to the original project scope, and delays in coordination and delivery of material from FPL, AT&T, and Comcast, Ferreira has been unable to complete the project by the contractual substantial completion date through no fault of its own. Ferreira has been operating at its own risk to complete the Project since September 16, 2022. This new Agreement, retroactive to the expiration date of the original Agreement will enable the Project to move forward and be completed. The same terms and conditions of the original Agreement will apply. The new Agreement also includes a final completion contract time from the original Construction Agreement of 420 days after the date commences to run as provided in the Notice to Proceed. The Final Completion date will be May 15, 2023.

Additionally, the new Agreement will allow staff to submit a Change Order on February 21, 2023, to address increased quantities and cost, as well as additional time, if necessary to complete the Project.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City for new Agreement.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road and bridge infrastructure

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 Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 2: Encourage urban design which responds to the climate and character of Fort Lauderdale, is pedestrian friendly, human-scaled and contains the infrastructure and amenities to create a vibrant public realm.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

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