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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 2, 2019

TITLE: Motion to Reject all Bids for Twin Lakes North Annexation Improvements

Project

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission reject all bids received in response to Invitation to Bid ("ITB") No. 12232-693 for the Twin Lakes North Annexation Improvements Project.

Background

On December 21, 2018, the Procurement Division advertised ITB No. 12232-693 for the Twin Lakes North Annexation Improvements Project. The original engineer's estimate for the project was \$185,000. On January 31, 2019, bids for Twin Lakes North Annexation Improvements Project were received as follows:

- Stanford Construction \$398,882.43
- Sagaris Corporation. \$481,629.00

Staff recommends all bids be rejected for the following reasons:

- Based upon unit costs from other recent projects, the cost of construction should remain around \$185,000.
- The bid received from the lowest bidder is more than twice the original engineering estimate.
- After staff's review of submitted bids, they concluded that rejecting the bids will allow the City to clarify any ambiguity in regard to the scope of the project.
- Even if the City was able to provide additional funds needed to award the project to the lowest bidder, it may create equity concerns from other contractors that did not bid based on the City's project budget which is publicly available.

Due to the bid variation and lowest bidder exceeding the engineer's estimate by \$213,882.43, staff recommends rejection of all bids and to re-bid the project.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connection

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specially advancing:

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective 1: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road and bridge infrastructure.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Ready.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation

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