



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

#20-0325

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 5, 2020

TITLE: Motion Approving Contract for the Proprietary Purchase of Continued Stormwater Assessment Services - Fee Finalization and Public Engagement - Stantec Consulting Services Inc. - \$169,890 - **(Commission District 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a one-time contract, in substantially the form attached, for the proprietary purchase of Continued Stormwater Assessment Services - Fee Finalization and Public Engagement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. ("Stantec") in the amount of \$169,890.

Background

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the finalization of the stormwater fee, stormwater assessment roll preparation, stormwater bond validation analysis, public engagement, development of a Stormwater Rate GIS Portal, and ordinance assistance related to the implementation of the new Hybrid Stormwater Rate Methodology ("Hybrid Methodology").

Due to its unique geography, varied infrastructure conditions and the need for an increased level of service due to sea level rise and more extreme storm events, the City has identified significant investment needs in its stormwater infrastructure.

Stantec conducted a rate study for the City, which was presented to the Infrastructure Task Force ("ITF") on October 2, 2017, to the Budget Advisory Board ("BAB") at their meeting on June 12, 2018, and to the City Commission during the June 19, 2018 Commission Conference Meeting. The scope of the study allowed for the development of an alternative rate structure that would equitably recover the costs of the stormwater system from properties throughout the City in proportion to the benefit that each property receives from the stormwater system. Acknowledging the volume of stormwater infrastructure work necessary throughout the City and the limited available resources, the City Commission and BAB voiced their support of pursuing a Hybrid Methodology, which incorporates both total square footage and trip generation rates.

Stantec developed the requested methodology and presented their initial findings during the November 19, 2019 Commission Conference Meeting. Stantec's initial findings

included a recommendation to move the Stormwater Fee from the Utility Bill to the property tax as a non-ad valorem assessment. At the Commission's request, Stantec presented the Hybrid Methodology to the ITF on December 2, 2019, and the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations on January 14, 2020. Both the ITF and Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations voiced their support of the Hybrid Methodology. Stantec presented their findings and the results of their subsequent presentations to the ITF and Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations during the February 4, 2020 Commission Conference Meeting, at which time the Commission directed staff to move forward with the Hybrid Methodology.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$169,890 for this purchase. Funds in the amount of \$169,890 are available in the FY2020 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of April 14, 2020</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
470-PBS660502-3199	Stormwater	Services / Materials / Other Professional Services	\$1,389,890	\$671,440	\$169,890
Total					\$169,890

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024* initiative, specifically advancing:

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

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Proprietary Contract

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