



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0188

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 16, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Waiving the Competitive Solicitation and Selection Processes
Contained in the Procurement Ordinance for Procuring Dredging Services
at George English Lake - Waterfront Property Services, LLC D/B/A Gator
Dredging - \$214,780 - (**Commission District 1**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution waiving the competitive solicitation and selection process in the Procurement Ordinance and approving, in substantially the form attached, an agreement to remove sediments deposited in George English Lake, in the estimated amount of \$214,780.

Background

On January 30, 2020, a 42-inch force main broke within a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) stormwater conflict structure, impacting the eastern bank of George English Lake. Subsequently, on February 24, 2020, a 14-inch force main broke that connected the B-4 lift station to the same 42-inch force main. In total, both breaks resulted in a 99,840,000-gallon surface discharge leaving approximately 600 cubic yards of stormwater/wastewater silts in the lake, confined to the immediate vicinity of the release locations.

In accordance with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Amended Consent Order, an environmental analysis was performed to assess the potential impacts caused by the discharges to George English Lake. Concurrently, staff pursued permits for sediment removal within George English Lake. The analysis was submitted to FDEP in December 2020 including plans for sediment removal. FDEP agrees with sediment removal within George English Lake.

Recognizing the potential environmental impacts to the existing mangroves around the discharge point, as well as to quickly mitigate issues with the navigation of the lake, staff developed a scope of work along with its consultant, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., to remove the sediment deposited into George English Lake. This scope of work has been accepted by regulatory agencies who have granted all required permits. The scope includes the deployment of turbidity barriers to reduce impacts to the waterbody, an ultraviolet disinfection system and the staging of geotextile dewatering bags within the

footprint of George English Park. Staff has secured a formal proposal from Waterfront Property Services, LLC d/b/a Gator Dredging (“GD”) that meets the permit requirements and affords a timely mitigation of George English Lake. GD is an established expert in performing these activities having performed similar work for the City, previously. They are prepared to begin work with a sixty-day completion schedule including equipment procuring, mobilization, sediment removal, and demobilization.

If the proposed resolution is adopted, the purchase would be consistent with Section 2-176(e)(17), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which provides that the competitive solicitation and selection processes do not apply to “purchases of goods or services for which the provisions of this article are waived by the City Commission by resolution”. Initiating a solicitation for this specific service would result in a longer negative impact on the environment, and therefore, staff recommends waiving the competitive solicitation requirement of the Procurement Ordinance.

Resource Impact

There will be a current year fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$214,780. Funding for this purchase is available in the FY 2021 Operational Budget in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of February 2, 2021</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
451-PBS670503-3437	Lohmeyer Regional Plant Operations	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering	\$7,828,794	\$2,387,809	\$214,780
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$214,780

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2020 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Waterway Quality initiative.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve water quality and our natural environment

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Resolution

Exhibit 2 - GD Agreement

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