



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

**#26-0148**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** May 05, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving a Service Agreement with Pepe Gaka Related to the  
Installation of a Mural in Peter Feldman Park - (**Commission District 2**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a service agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Pepe Gaka to commission the installation of a mural at Peter Feldman Park.

**Background**

Giuseppe Percivati (also known as Pepe Gaka) is an internationally recognized mural artist with extensive experience delivering large-scale public art projects for municipalities, cultural institutions, and community organizations worldwide. His work has been commissioned throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and Australia, including projects for the cities of Virginia Beach, San Francisco, Hot Springs (Arkansas), Danville (Virginia), and Seregno (Italy), as well as the world's tallest mural in Karachi, Pakistan. In 2019, his mural *Seashore Cathedral* in Virginia Beach was recognized by Americans for the Arts' Public Art Network as one (1) of the fifty (50) most compelling public artworks nationally. Pepe Gaka's curriculum vitae (CV) and summary of previous projects are attached as Exhibit 1.

Following completion of a community survey to solicit neighborhood input on preferred themes and artistic approaches, the Public Art and Placemaking Advisory Board (PAPAB) evaluated the results and selected Pepe Gaka for the project. At its May 20, 2024, meeting, the PAPAB voted unanimously to recommend award of the mural commission (Exhibit 2). The artist's final design concept, including narrative, location, and rendering (Exhibit 3), was subsequently approved by the PAPAB at its March 16, 2026, meeting (Exhibit 4). If approved, the artist anticipates beginning the application of the mural in June 2026 and will complete the project within approximately three (3) weeks.

The proposed mural at Peter Feldman Park is a site-responsive artwork designed to celebrate nature and environmental awareness while enhancing the park's visual character. Site-responsive artwork is intentionally created for a specific location and reflects the site's unique history, geography, and community context. As noted in Letter

to the Commission (LTC) No. 26-110, the mural will fully wrap all four (4) exterior walls of the existing City of Fort Lauderdale pump station, transforming utilitarian public infrastructure into an integrated visual feature within the park. The design incorporates organic imagery, including botanical and natural elements, to soften the structure's appearance and create a cohesive and welcoming environment for park users.

The artist will perform all necessary surface preparation, including pressure washing and priming, and will utilize high-quality exterior materials to ensure durability and longevity. The project budget, as detailed in the agreement, is sufficient to support all required materials, labor, and installation activities (Exhibit 5). The service agreement includes terms related to design and materials, terms of acceptance of the art once complete, the warranty period, the artist's compensation, insurance and indemnification, and specifies that the artwork is unique and original.

This project is funded through the City's Public Works Department and will be managed through the City's Community Services Department.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$50,000 for materials, labor and installation requirements. Funds for this service agreement are available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Community Investment Plan in the account listed below.

| Funds available as of April 22, 2026: |  |                              |                            |                               |                 |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER                        | PROJECT NAME (Program)                   | CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME      | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | PURCHASE AMOUNT |
| 10-454-7999-536-60-6599-P12605        | New Pumping Station Flagler Village A-24 | Capital Outlay/ Construction | \$2,971,192                | \$220,952                     | \$50,000        |
| <b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>               |  |                              |                            |                               | \$50,000        |

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2026 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

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

- 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 Here

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Focus Area
- The Public Art in Parks Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Pepe Gaka CV and Previous Projects

Exhibit 2 – May 20, 2024, PAPAB Meeting Minutes

Exhibit 3 – Design Concept Proposal

Exhibit 4 – March 16, 2026, PAPAB Draft Meeting Minutes

Exhibit 5 – Service Agreement for Pepe Gaka

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