



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

**#26-0545**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** June 16, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Rejecting All Proposals Pursuant to Request for Qualifications  
(RFQ) No. 543 – Architectural Services for Provident Park - Rebid-  
**(Commission District 3)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all proposals received in response to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 543 for Architectural Services for Provident Park – Rebid.

**Background**

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) sought a qualified, experienced, and licensed firm to provide architectural services and assume full professional and legal responsibility for the Provident Park renovation project by signing and sealing drawings previously prepared by ACAI Associates Inc., in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 471.025(4) as ACAI Associates Inc. ceased operations prior to the completion of the project design.

As part of the solicitation requirements, the selected firm had to review and address comments issued by the Building Department concerning a structure as part of an art installation located within five (5) feet of the property line. According to the Building Department, the Building Code requires the structure to be redesigned and/or relocated to comply with the five (5)-foot setback buffer requirements. The selected firm would have provided all professional services necessary to revise the plans, respond to permitting comments, and support the City through successful completion of the project.

On October 16, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Department, advertised RFQ No. 543 – Architectural Services for Provident Park – Rebid. The City received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation, which closed on October 31, 2025:

1. CSA Central, Inc.
2. Forefront AE

Staff thoroughly reviewed both proposals for compliance with the solicitation requirements and determined that both proposers were responsive and responsible.

The Evaluation Committee met on November 21, 2025, to review and rank the proposals based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table below.

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Firm's Qualification and Experience	30%
Project Team Qualification and Experience	25%
Approach to Scope	35%
References	10%

CSA Central, Inc., was identified as the highest-ranked, responsive, and responsible proposer.

During negotiations, CSA Central, Inc. submitted a fee proposal in the amount of \$266,155.00, representing an increase of \$234,155.00, or approximately 731.73%, above the CRA's original project budget estimate of \$32,000.00.

Due to the significant disparity between the City's budget estimate and the negotiated fee proposal, the City and CSA Central, Inc. reached an impasse in negotiations. As a result, staff recommends rejecting all proposals received in response to RFQ No. 543-1 and utilizing the City's existing architectural continuing contract to perform the required services.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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 Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.

- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.
- Goal 3: Showcase the natural beauty and spirit of Fort Lauderdale by highlighting our parks and recreational facilities and planning for resiliency to adapt to climate change.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – Final Ranking

Exhibit 3 – Impasse Letter, CSA Central, Inc.

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