



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

#26-0623

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Providing Notice of the Decision to Proceed with the Unsolicited Proposal Submitted by David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for the Design, Construction, and Delivery of the Riverland Stormwater Improvements Project, and Authorizing Negotiations of a Proposed Interim and/or Comprehensive Agreement in Accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes – **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution providing notice of the decision to proceed with the unsolicited proposal submitted by David Mancini & Sons, Inc. (DMSI) for the design, construction, and delivery of the Riverland Stormwater Improvements Project, and authorizing negotiations of a proposed interim and/or comprehensive agreement in accordance with Florida Statute Section 255.065.

Background

On December 23, 2025, the City received two (2) unsolicited proposals submitted in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, for the design, construction, and delivery of stormwater drainage infrastructure improvements within the Melrose Manors and Riverland neighborhoods. Although planned and designed as a single project under the Fortify Lauderdale program (Phase I), the unsolicited proposals were submitted as separate projects by Man-Con, Inc. for the Melrose Manors neighborhood and DMSI for the Riverland neighborhood.

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to:

- Drainage pipe and structures;
- Stormwater force mains;
- Exfiltration trenches;
- Water quality structures;
- Stormwater pump stations;

- Water and sanitary sewer relocations; and
- Roadway, driveway, and swale restoration.

The combined project is currently in the design phase through the City's existing delivery model, with a sixty percent (60%) Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost, including allowances, between \$134.1 million and \$171.4 million.

The DMSI unsolicited proposal offers a design-build delivery approach with an estimated cost of approximately \$79,643,846 for the Riverland portion of the project with an anticipated completion timeframe of approximately two (2) years from Notice to Proceed. The unsolicited proposal asserts potential benefits including accelerated project delivery, cost certainty through a guaranteed maximum price structure, and reduced exposure to potential construction cost escalations.

On May 5, 2026, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 26-89 to provide notice of intent to enter into a comprehensive agreement for the qualifying project, accept the unsolicited proposal submitted by DMSI, and authorized a statutory competition period of twenty-one (21) days, in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to that resolution, notice was published in the Florida Administrative Register and the South Florida Sun Sentinel on May 14, 2026, and May 21, 2026. The statutory competition period commenced on May 14, 2026, and closed on June 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. local time. At the conclusion of the statutory competition period, no additional unsolicited proposals for the same project were received by the City.

If approved, City staff will commence negotiations of an interim and/or comprehensive agreement with DMSI pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes. Any proposed agreement will require City Commission consideration and approval.

Resource Impact

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item; however, the unsolicited proposal indicated a cost estimate of \$79,643,846, which is subject to negotiation among the parties for future consideration by the City Commission. This project will be supported by a future debt issuance and require internal project management costs. The Stormwater Fund has concurrent debt financing from multiple sources (Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan and revenue bonds), and as such, the total project cost, inclusive of the cost of financing, will be estimated and incorporated within the Commission Agenda Memorandum when negotiated and determined.

Strategic Connections

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

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

advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Unsolicited Proposal - David Mancini & Sons, Inc.

Exhibit 2 – Resolution No. 26-89

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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