



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

**#26-0251**

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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 Approving a Retroactive Agreement and Increase in Contract Cost Capacity to Request for Qualification (RFQ) No. 256-11660, Stormwater Master Plan Modeling and Design Implementation Continuing Contract – Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. – \$31,000,000 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Retroactive Agreement for Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. for the third and final contract renewal effective through April 18, 2031; and, a cost capacity (cap) increase to Request for Qualification (RFQ) No. 256-11660, Stormwater Master Plan Modeling and Design Implementation Continuing Contract with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., by an amount of \$31,000,000, from \$42,878,756 to \$73,878,756.

**Background**

At the April 19, 2016 City Commission Regular Meeting, the City Commission awarded the Stormwater Master Plan Modeling and Design Implementation Continuing Contract (RFQ #256-11660) to Hazen and Sawyer, P.C in the amount of \$7,578,756 (CAM #16-0408). The Agreement was awarded for a five (5)-year term with two (2), five (5)-year options-to-renew, for a potential total of fifteen (15) years. On the same day of the City Commission Regular Meeting, CAM #16-0408 was revised to remove the authorization for administrative approval of the two (2), five (5)-year options, and require City Commission approval.

City staff initially attempted to administratively exercise the final renewal on April 17, 2026, prior to the expiration of the Agreement. However, the renewal had not yet been approved by the City Commission, thus the Agreement expired. The final renewal included a two-point-five-seven-percent (2.57%) consumer price index increase, as allowed under the terms of the Agreement. This retroactive agreement, in its final renewal period, would expire on April 18, 2031.

Using the task order process, the Agreement is intended to fully fund the design and construction services for seven (7) neighborhood-wide stormwater improvements. Due to fiscal year funding restraints at the time of award, the initial award was \$7,578,756 with

the understanding that subsequent cap increases would follow as funding became available. It was intended that the Agreement would have cap increases year-to-year as new neighborhood projects or portions thereof were funded for construction.

On August 22, 2017, the City Commission approved the first cap increase in the amount of \$2,321,244 to fund the permitting to validate the hydrologic model and development of the design drawings for the seven (7) neighborhood-wide stormwater improvements (CAM #17-0939).

On July 9, 2019, the City Commission approved a second cap increase in the amount of \$1,200,000 to fund construction inspection services (CEI) for the Cordova Road seawall, Isle of Palm Drive seawall, and the Osceola Canal dredging; three (3) projects that were fast-tracked from the original Stormwater Master Plan (CAM #19-0654).

On December 3, 2019, the City Commission approved a third cap increase in the amount of \$6,700,000 to fund the CEI, bidding assistance and construction permitting services to carry out the construction of stormwater improvements in the Edgewood and River Oaks neighborhoods (CAM #19-1199).

On November 16, 2021, the City Commission approved a fourth cap increase in the amount of \$5,400,000 to fund design services and CEI services for the Durrs Stormwater Improvements, Dorsey-Riverbend Stormwater Improvements, Hendricks Isle Seawalls Replacement, Southeast Isles Seawalls Replacement, and the Osceola Creek Restoration Projects (CAM #21-1030).

On June 20, 2023, the City Commission approved a fifth cap increase in the amount of \$9,600,000 to fund CEI services, environmental and cultural assessment required for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans qualification and for the following projects: SE Isles Stormwater Improvements, Victoria Park Stormwater Improvements, Progresso Stormwater Improvements, Durrs Stormwater Improvements and Dorsey-Riverbend Stormwater Improvements (CAM #23-0531).

On November 7, 2023, the City Commission approved the sixth cap increase in the amount of \$2,500,000 to fund the Stormwater Master Plan – Phase Two (2) for the addition of the following seventeen (17) neighborhoods: Riverland Landings, Sail Boat Bend, Tarpon River, Flagler Village, Harbor Isles/Inlet, Poinsettia Heights, South Middle River, Melrose Park, Shady Banks, Croissant Park, Middle River Terrace, Imperial Point, Lake Ridge, Riverland Manors/Woods, Chula Vista, Riverland Village, and Lauderdale Isles (CAM #23-0959).

The effort included an update to the original Master Plan Stormwater Model, conceptualization of the additional seventeen (17) neighborhood stormwater improvements, an update the original conceptual permit to include the seventeen (17) additional neighborhood stormwater improvements, and development of programmatic services to aid private property resilience and provide stakeholder outreach and engagement services.

The cap increase of \$31,000,000 is required to fund consultant design, permitting, and CEI services for stormwater improvements for the first three (3) neighborhoods of Phase Two (2) - Melrose Park, Middle River Terrace, and Lauderdale Isles and Adjoining Areas.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$14,700,089 for this contract capacity increase and funds are available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Community Investment Plan in the account listed below. Future years' expenditures are contingent upon the approval and appropriation of the annual budgets.

<b>Funds available as of April 28, 2026</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-471-7999-538-60-6534-P12852	Stormwater Master Plan – Phase 2	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering	\$15,000,000	\$14,700,089	\$14,700,089
				<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>	<b>\$14,700,089</b>

**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 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 – CAM #16-0408
- Exhibit 2 – CAM #17-0939
- Exhibit 3 – CAM #19-0654
- Exhibit 4 – CAM #19-1199
- Exhibit 5 – CAM #21-1030
- Exhibit 6 – CAM #23-0531
- Exhibit 7 – CAM #23-0959
- Exhibit 8 – Retroactive Agreement

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