



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-1014

Agenda Date: November 2, 2023

Department: Public Works

Title: 2023-1014 Florida Park Berm Construction Task Assignment (B)

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Description: Request for the City Commission to approve a Task Assignment with TSI Disaster Recovery for the restoration of the Florida Park berm that was damaged during Hurricane Irma in 2017.

Fiscal Note: Funding totaling \$950,000 for the project is allocated in the Stormwater Management Utility Fund.

Explanation: During Hurricane Irma in 2017, a 120-foot-long section of a 1,100-foot-long earthen berm in the Florida Park neighborhood was damaged when a large tree fell from the levee across Hogtown Creek. The creek changed course and flowed through the neighborhood, resulting in flood damage to five homes. The Public Works Department performed temporary repairs and prepared construction plans for restoration in-house.

The scope of the restoration project includes regarding the levee to repair erosion damage, stabilizing the creek side of the levee with rock revetment, and planting native vegetation to minimize the potential for any future damage. Work is scheduled to begin this winter and is expected to be completed prior to the 2024 hurricane season.

Staff recommends issuing a Task Assignment to TSI Disaster Recovery through the Sidewalk, Trail, and Minor Roadway Construction Agreement in the amount of \$950,000. There are six vendors with Sidewalk, Trail, and Minor Roadway Construction Agreements and TSI is the only vendor that specializes in levee restoration and creek work. TSI is also a certified small business. Staff also received a quote from another vendor under the Stormwater Management Construction Agreement, Watson Construction, however, the price was in excess of \$1.7 million.

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to enter into a Task Assignment with TSI Disaster Recovery, LLC, in the amount of \$950,000 for the Florida Park Berm project, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.