CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: November 17, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Rick Rudometkin – City Manager

Subject: Fire Service Assessment Feasibility Study Contract

Background:
The City of Belle Isle currently funds fire protection services through ad valorem revenues. Throughout Florida, agencies have increasingly utilized non-ad valorem fire assessments as a funding mechanism for fire protection services. These assessments are collected through the annual property tax bill and are specifically dedicated to funding fire protection services.

We have a vendor to do the assessment.

Staff Recommendation:
Proceed with Benesch for the assessment

Suggested Motion:
I move to approve entering into a contract with Benesch Company for the Fire Service Assessment Feasibility Study and authorizing the city attorney and the city manager to execute said contract for the amount not to exceed the already approved $50k. This contract engagement falls under 4.6: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AND GOVERNMENT AGENCY CONTRACTS (piggyback) language in the Purchasing Policy.

Fiscal Impact: FY 26/27 budget - $50k currently approved for Fire Assessment Study

Alternatives: Do not move forward with a study

Attachments: N/A