



STAFF REPORT

Regular City Commission Meeting

January 23, 2024

To: Elected Officials

From: Dale L. Martin, City Manager

Date: January 23, 2024

Item Name: Resolution 2025-06. A Resolution by the City Commission of the City of Flagler Beach, to award Bid No. FB-24-2307 Project # 260 Pier Construction to Vecellio & Grogan in an amount not to exceed \$14,142,027; providing for conflict and an effective date.

Background: The City's icon Pier was originally constructed nearly one hundred years ago. This structure not only defines Flagler Beach, but used frequently utilized to represent Flagler County. The Pier drew thousands of visitors annually before being damaged sufficiently to require its closure following several recent hurricanes (Matthew, Ian, Nicole).

The City retained Moffatt & Nichol in August, 2022, as the engineering design consultant to rebuild the Pier. Mr. Gabriel Perdomo has served as the principal engineer for the design effort, frequently sharing conceptual drawings and timelines for the reconstruction effort.

In 2024, the City solicited qualifications from interested contractors for the demolition and reconstruction of the Pier: four contractors were designated as pre-qualified to submit proposals for the Pier project. On December 10, 2024, the one bid submitted from among the pre-qualified contractors was opened. Vecellio & Grogan, the lone submission, has extensive related experience as indicated in the bid document (see p. 15): Jacksonville Beach, Ft. Pierce, and St. Augustine.

The proposal from Vecellio & Grogan has been reviewed by Mr. Perdomo (comments and comparison to engineer estimate attached).

Fiscal Impact: Funding for the project will be from a variety of sources. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide 75% of the final costs. The remaining 25% will be provided by the State of Florida: half from the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) and half from the Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP; a Legislative Line Item appropriation). Since the funding provided by the federal and state agencies will be reimbursements, the City has secured a short-term loan through Regions Capital Advantage in an amount not to exceed \$21,000,000 to timely fund the project. The anticipated reimbursements will be "piecemeal": the contractor will submit an invoice for work completed, the City will pay the invoice through short-term loan funds, then the City will seek reimbursement from FEMA/FDEM/FDEP, and then re-pay the short-term loans funds (and interest) on a recurring cycle through the project.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2025-06.

Attachments:

Resolution 2025-06

Proposal, Vecellio & Grogan (December 10, 2024)

Review/Comparison, G. Perdomo (December 12, 2024)