



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2023

FROM: Mike Null

SUBJECT: City Council approval of, and authorization for the mayor to execute, Modification #1 to HMGP / FDEM Contract # 4283-55-A, Governors Creek Hardening Project, Utility Mitigation Phase II, with an award to the City of \$502,500.00 (75%) of the total project cost of \$670,000.00 to move the electric transmission lines crossing Governors Creek along US17 from overhead to underground. This modification extends the project timeline to March 31, 2026. *Mike Null*

BACKGROUND

In July of 2018, the State of Florida Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), which upon project approval becomes a Federal Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) project, granted the city funding for the design and permitting of the conversion of the electric transmission lines crossing Governors Creek along US17 from overhead to underground. A significant amount of engineering and environmental activities were required, causing a long lead time for completion.

Phase II is funding for the actual construction costs. The Phase II agreement was authorized by the Council on September 7, 2021 and expired on March 31, 2023. The project has been delayed due to acquisition of necessary easements and permitting. City staff has been working with FDEM staff for the past 6 months toward an extension, but this was delayed due to FDEM waiting on an extension for the entire disaster declaration from FEMA. FEMA extended the disaster declaration last week and the City received this modification this week.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$670,000.00 Project Cost

\$502,500.00 FDEM Grant

\$167,500.00 from the Electric Fund Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Approve of, and authorize the mayor to execute, Modification #1 to HMGP / FDEM Contract # 4283-55-A, Governors Creek Hardening Project, Utility Mitigation Phase II, with an award to the City of \$502,500.00 (75%) of the total project cost of \$670,000.00 to move the electric transmission lines crossing Governors Creek along US17 from overhead to underground, and all other associated documents. This modification extends the project timeline to March 31, 2026. *Mike Null*