



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Works Department

City Council Regular Meeting Date: June 2, 2026

To: City Council
From: Joshua Holler, Superintendent of Streets and Parks
Through: Alfred J. Mittl, P.E., Public Works Director
Date: 5/20/2026

SUBJECT: Professional Engineering Services - Sanibel Fishing Pier Replacement Project

Consider approval for engineering and construction management services related to the Fishing Pier Replacement Project, in the amount of \$278,344.00, with Stantec Consulting Services for Hurricane Ian-related replacement of the Sanibel Fishing Pier and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

BACKGROUND: The Sanibel Fishing Pier sustained significant damage as a result of recent hurricanes and coastal storm events. Due to the extent of the damage and the importance of the pier as a valued recreational and community asset, the City has been actively pursuing both temporary and long-term solutions to restore public access and functionality.

A temporary repair project is currently underway to allow the existing pier to safely reopen for public use while plans for a permanent replacement structure are developed. Construction for the temporary repair project is anticipated to commence in the summer of 2026 and is being funded through generous community donations and related funding efforts. These temporary repairs are intended to extend the operational life of the existing pier until construction of the new replacement pier can be completed.

Staff recommends that the City retain Stantec to provide professional engineering services for the Fishing Pier Replacement Project. Stantec has extensive experience with coastal infrastructure, marine structures, permitting coordination, and public waterfront facilities. Their services would include, but not be limited to:

- Project design and engineering
- Environmental and regulatory permitting
- Coordination with state and federal agencies
- Bid and construction document preparation
- Limited construction administration and project management services
- Public coordination and stakeholder engagement support

As part of the replacement project, staff recommend relocating the new fishing pier from its current *Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary*

location to the west side of the Lighthouse property on the bayside, just north of the small overflow parking lot or just west of the existing location. Relocating the pier to the overflow lot area offers several operational and logistical advantages, including improved site access, enhanced resiliency opportunities, and the ability to maintain public fishing access during construction activities.

With the proposed relocation, the existing fishing pier can remain operational and available for public use while the new pier is being constructed. Upon completion and opening of the new facility, the existing damaged pier would then be demolished and removed. This phased approach minimizes disruption to residents and visitors while maintaining one of the City’s most iconic waterfront amenities throughout the construction process.

In addition to improving resiliency and long-term operational sustainability, the proposed relocation provides opportunities to integrate the pier replacement project into the broader Lighthouse Beach Park improvement initiatives currently under evaluation. This includes future considerations related to parking, circulation, drainage improvements, shoreline resiliency, and enhanced public amenities within the Lighthouse property.

The city is currently under a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services for engineering services related to Hurricane Ian recovery efforts, extending through September 30, 2028. The estimated cost for the necessary professional services is \$278,344.00.

FUNDING SOURCE: Below is a summary of the funding required for this project.

Funding Summary	Amount
Engineering Services Project Cost (Beach Parking Capital Budget 4704100 - 663000)	\$258,344.00
Contingency (Beach Parking Capital Budget 4704100 - 663000)	\$20,000.00
Total Proposed Engineering Costs	\$278,344.00

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff respectfully request Council authorization to move forward with executing an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services for professional engineering services associated with the Fishing Pier Replacement Project.

Motion to award the professional services for the Fishing Pier Replacement Project to Stantec Consulting Services in the amount of \$278,344.00, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.