



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Works Department

City Council Regular Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

To: City Council
From: Scott Krawczuk, Deputy Public Works Director
Date: 5/20/2025

SUBJECT: 2025 Sanibel River Clearing Project (Drainage/Wildlife Habitat Maintenance Trimming)

BACKGROUND: The Sanibel River is the backbone of the island's drainage conveyance system. In order to maintain proper flow during periods of high water, the City established an annual maintenance program for the River. The maintenance involves vegetation trimming and removal, with the FY2025 scope involving vegetative debris, treefall and cattail removal in the section between Tarpon Bay Road and Rue Belle Mer. This project not only improves flow in the river, but also enhances the river for wildlife, particularly birds. Plans and specifications were prepared by the City including environmental friendly techniques that will enhance, not impact, the unique ecology of the trimming area.

An Advertisement for bids was placed in the April 21, 2025 edition of the Fort Myers News-Press and with the City's online bid solicitation service, DemandStar. Bid opening was conducted by City Staff on May 20, 2025 at 2:30 PM in the presence of Josh Holler, Superintendent of Streets and Parks, Lyrice Halverson, Administrative Assistant and Scott Krawczuk, Deputy Public Works Director. There were four bids submitted with the low bid submitted by Seahawk Florida Investments, LLC dba Tree West with a total of \$94,500 as shown in the attached Bid Tabulation.

FUNDING SOURCE: Since the Sanibel River is an important part of the City's overall stormwater system and due to issues caused from recent hurricanes the funding for this year's project will come from the FDEP Stormwater Grant HA017. The FY2025 Project Funding Summary (rounded) and the FDEP Stormwater Grant Summary (rounded) tables are shown below.

FY25 Post Hurricane Ian Stormwater System Damage Repairs Project Summary	
FY2025 Adopted Budget – Stormwater (Appropriated FDEP Grant)	\$4,000,000
Construction – Post Ian Stormwater Repair Projects	(\$2,390,379)
Construction Administration	(\$180,350)
2025 Bridge, Box Culvert and Water Control Structure Repairs	(\$242,730)
2025 Sanibel River Clearing Project	(\$94,500)
FY2025 Budget Balance	\$1,092,391

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FDEP Stormwater Grant Summary	
FDEP Grant Funding (Total)	\$10,000,000
Expenses or Anticipated Expenses to Date	
Stormwater Master Plan (Actual)	(\$230,000)
City Completed Repairs (Actual)	(\$55,000)
Construction. – Post Ian Stormwater Repair Projects (EZ Contracting LLC)	(\$2,390,379)
Construction Admin.– Post Ian Stormwater Repair Projects (Johnson)	(\$180,350)
Beach Road Weir Rehab – Estimate	(\$750,000)
General Bridge & Box Culvert Repairs – Actual	(\$242,730)
City Planned Repairs - Estimate	(\$200,000)
2025 Sanibel River Clearing Project	(\$94,500)
FDEP Grant Funding (Balance)	\$5,857,041

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve a contract with Seahawk Florida Investments, LLC dba Tree West in the amount of \$94,500 for the 2025 Sanibel River Clearing Project (Drainage/Wildlife Habitat Maintenance Trimming) project and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

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