

Memorandum No. 23-06

DATE: December 06, 2023

TO: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Commission

FROM: Dr. Tammy Good, CIP Manager

VIA: Greg Harrison, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request to amend Chapter 32 “Departments”, Section 32.39 “Competitive Bidding” of The City of Pompano Beach Code of Ordinances

Background

The city’s current procurement spending thresholds relative to competitive bidding, established in 2017, make it very challenging to directly procure smaller capital construction services or purchase supplies and materials without a formal competitive solicitation process as required by city ordinance. Unfortunately, even when a formal competitive solicitation is conducted for such procurement, there is typically little or no interest from bidders, resulting in zero bids, unqualified bidders, or bidders that submit an exorbitantly high bid.

Increasing spending thresholds under Chapter 32 will allow procurement of goods and services without a formal competitive solicitation. This will allow previously approved capital projects to be completed more quickly and efficiently, as well as reduce the administrative burden currently placed on the city’s procurement department to otherwise advertise such projects. Additionally, more flexibility to procure vendors based on factors beyond just price, such as quality, expertise, or local presence, will make it easier for small businesses to informally compete for government contracts.

Recommendation

In an effort to obtain the best value for the city and streamline city procurement processes, this recommendation is to amend Chapter 32 “Departments”, Section 32.39 “Competitive Bidding” of The City of Pompano Beach Code of Ordinances to increase spending thresholds relative to competitive bidding criteria. See accompanying ordinance revisions.