



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers

From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

Subject: Award of a Work Order to Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for the Stormwater Rate Study

Date: September 10, 2019

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute a work order with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. ("Wood") for the Stormwater Rate Study, in an amount not to exceed \$40,255.80. Funds for this study are budgeted from the Stormwater Utility Fund in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Background:

In 2003, the Town Council passed Ordinance No. 03-31 creating the Stormwater Utility and Ordinance No. 03-32 establishing the rate of the stormwater utility fee. The adopted stormwater utility fee was \$4.50 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) per month. The stormwater fee has remained unchanged since its adoption in 2003.

On January 16, 2018, the Town Council passed Resolution No. 18-1508 approving a work order agreement between Kimley-Horn and Associates ("KHA") and the Town for the Stormwater Master Plan Update No. 3. The third master plan update was completed in May 2019.

On May 21, 2019, a workshop was held at Town Hall where Town Staff presented a brief summary of the findings and recommendations of the Stormwater Master Plan Update No. 3. A total of 11 drainage improvement projects were identified in the plan at an approximate cost of \$11 million. In addition, the master plan projected another \$10 million in operations and maintenance cost for a total of \$20 million over the next 10 years.

On July 16, 2019, the Town Council passed Resolution No. 2019-1626 adopting the Stormwater Master Plan Update No. 3 and incorporating projects into the Town's Strategic Master Plan for prioritization and budgeting. While the Town has been successful at obtaining grants to fund the recent stormwater improvement projects, the 11 drainage improvement projects identified in the latest master plan update are unfunded. The current stormwater utility fee of \$4.50/ERU does not provide enough revenues to address the capital project needs identified in the master plan 10-year cycle.

Therefore, Town Staff recommends approval of the work order for Wood to conduct a stormwater rate study to determine an appropriate utility fee that would advance the goals of the stormwater program and accelerate the implementation of stormwater capital projects. The study is expected to be completed in approximately five months.

Attachments:

Resolution

Consultant Work Order Proposal