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MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMISSION AUDITOR'S
INFORMATIONAL RESEARCH**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 15, 2022

9:30 A.M.

Commission Chambers

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**Item No. 8H1
File No. 220511**

Research: VW & MF / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-8.1(B)(1) OF THE COUNTY CODE AND SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE COUNTY CHARTER BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO CONTINUE LEASING PARKS, RECREATION AND OPENS SPACES (PROS) CURRENT INVENTORY OF GOLF CARTS FOR A PERIOD OF 18-MONTHS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,730,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF SUCH CONTRACT PURSUANT TO THIS DELEGATION, INCLUDING ANY CANCELLATION, RENEWAL AND EXTENSION PROVISIONS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO GIVE NOTICE OF ANY AWARD, ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE PURCHASE ORDER TO GIVE EFFECT TO SAME AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF ANY SUCH CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38; AND REQUIRING A REPORT TO THE BOARD

Prime Sponsor: None
Requester: Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS)
Committee Action: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA's review of the item found no substantive legislative, procedural or administrative noncompliance. See the Additional Information section for historical and other background information on the item.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

OCA consulted the County's Bid Tracking System (BTS)¹ to analyze the allocation history for Contract No. FB-00068, Lease of Golf Carts and Turf/Work Vehicles and Contract No. FB-01620, Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles, which are referenced in the mayoral memorandum. Note: Solicitation No. FB-01843, PROS Golf Carts & Utility Vehicles, was advertised to replace the noted contracts for only the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department. Table 1 below sets forth the allocation summary.

Table 1

Contract	Term	Contract Period	Allocation	User Departments
FB-00068, Lease of Golf Carts and Turf/Work Vehicles	02/01/2015 - 07/30/2021*	6 Years, 6 Months*	\$6,802,143	– Department of Cultural Affairs – Department of Transportation and Public Works – Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department
FB-01620, Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles	05/01/2021 - 04/30/2026	5 Years	\$763,300	– Department of Cultural Affairs – Department of Transportation and Public Works – Public Housing and Community Development Department – Seaport Department

Note: Contract Term and Contract Period values include Option to Renew and extension periods.

¹ Miami-Dade County, Bid Tracking System, <https://intra8.miamidade.gov/Apps/ISD/eProcurement/Login.aspx>

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OCA consulted the County's Vendor Payment Inquiry Application² on March 11, 2022, to obtain the financial history of each awarded vendor noted under this item. Table 2 below provides a synopsis of the cumulative payments. Note: The payments reflected may not be exclusive to the subject contracts. Also, Advantage Golf Cars SEFL, LLC, a bidder for Solicitation No. FB-01843, does not have payment history within the Vendor Payment Inquiry Application.

Table 2

Vendor Payment History with the County		
Vendor	Dates	Cumulative Payments
Advantage Golf Cars, Inc.	2014 – 2021	\$4,371,275
Yamaha Golf Car Company	2015 - 2021	\$1,821,518
Yamaha Motor Corporation USA	2015 - 2018	\$1,310,900

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Per the mayoral memorandum, the golf carts are for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department; however, it is unclear which parks will receive golf carts and the number of golf carts each park will receive. Table 3 below summarizes the Pricing Sheet from the Bid Packet for Solicitation No. FB-01843, which identified 617 total vehicles segregated into three groups: golf carts, park carts, and zoo carts.

Table 3

#	Electric or Gas	Category	Description	Estimated Quantity
Group 1: Golf				
1	Electric	Standard Golf	2 Passenger Standard green cart, with windshield, rain guard, 2 sand buckets and message holder; locator / tracking device; keys (2)	300
2	Gas	Standard Golf	2 Passenger Standard green cart, with windshield, rain guard, 2 sand buckets and message holder; locator / tracking device; keys (2)	18
3	Electric	Standard Utility	2 Passenger Standard white cart, with windshield and 2 sand buckets; locator / tracking device; keys (2)	14
4	Electric	HD Utility	2 Passenger Driving range picker cart, with cage; keys (2)	3
5	Electric	HD Utility	2 Passenger Premium beverage cart; keys (2)	3
6	Electric	HD Utility	6 Passenger cart; keys (2)	3
7	Electric	Standard Utility	2 Passenger Utility/Work; with top, windshield, and light kit; keys (2)	68
Group 2: Parks				
1	Electric	HD Utility	2 Passenger Utility/Work; with flat bed and towing hitch; keys (2)	9

² Miami-Dade County, Vendor Payment Inquiry Application, https://w85exp.miamidade.gov/VInvoice/1_0a_vendor_login.jsp

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2	Gas	HD Utility	2 Passenger Utility/Work; 4x4 fourwheel drive, with 22hp, 1007cc three cylinder OHV diesel engine, and tow hitches; keys (2)	11
3	Electric	Standard Golf	6 Passenger Carts; keys (2)	2
4	Gas	Standard Golf	2 Passenger Standard green cart, with windshield, rain guard, 2 sand buckets and message holder; keys (2)	8
5	Electric	Standard Golf	4 Passenger Standard green cart, with windshield, rain guard, 2 sand buckets and message holder; keys (2)	3
6	Gas	HD Utility	2 Passenger Utility/Work; four wheel, with manual dump, lights, windshield, sunshade, undercoating and tow ball hitches; keys (2)	97
7	Electric	Standard Golf	2 Passenger Carrier vehicle; four wheel drive, 220-Volt Ac, fully automatic electronic 48-Volt Dc 20-Amp charger, convertible rear seat, canopy top, plexiglass windshield, and headlights; keys (2)	1
Group 3: Zoo				
1	Gas	Standard Utility	2 Passenger., Utility/Work, four wheel, with manual dump, plastic bucket bed, lights, windshield, sunshade; keys (2)	11
2	Gas	Standard Utility	4 Passenger, Utility/Work, four wheel, with manual dump, plastic bucket bed, lights, windshield, sunshade, and tow hitches; keys (2)	23
3	Gas	Standard Utility	4 Passenger, Utility/Work, four wheel, with manual dump, plastic bucket bed, lights, windshield, and sunshade, tow hitches, and roof racks; keys (2)	7
4	Electric	Standard Utility	4 Passenger, Utility/Work, four wheel, with manual dump, plastic bucket bed, lights, windshield, and sunshade; keys (2)	2
5	Electric	Standard Golf	6 Passenger, Carrier, with customized tall roof; keys (2)	1
6	Electric	Standard Golf	6 Passenger, Carrier vehicle, w/wheel chair lift, lights, windshield, and sunshade; keys (2)	1
7	Electric	Standard Golf	8 Passenger, Four wheel, with plexiglass windshield and headlights; keys (2)	3
8	Electric	Standard Golf	6 Passenger, Carrier vehicle four wheel drive, 220-Volt Ac, fully automatic electronic 48-Volt Dc 20-Amp charger, convertible rear seat, canopy top, plexiglass windshield, and headlights; keys (2)	15
9	Electric	HD Utility	2 Passenger, Utility/Work; with flat bed, roof rack, and towing hitch (Shuttle 2); keys (2)	2
10	Gas	HD Utility	2 Passenger, Utility/Work; with flat bed, roof rack, and towing hitch (Shuttle 2); keys (2)	8
11	Gas	Standard Golf	Shuttle 2 + 2; keys (2)	4
Grand Total				617

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Item No. 801/802
File No. 220039/220048

Research: VW & MF / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACTION BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE RELATED TO MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT'S CONSENT DECREE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS ACCELERATION ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.2.12 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA SPECIFICALLY APPROVING AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR D2-C-2, PROPOSED 16-INCH, 12-INCH, AND 8-INCH DI WATER MAIN AND 10-INCH AND 8-INCH DI GRAVITY SEWER ALONG NW 22 AVENUE FROM NW 79 STREET TO NW 90 STREET AND 8-INCH DI FORCE MAIN ALONG NW 87 STREET, CONTRACT NO. S-958 TO LANZO CONSTRUCTION CO., FLORIDA, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,253,128.25 USING FUNDING, IN PART, FROM BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 17 – "COUNTYWIDE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS"; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

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Prime Sponsor: None

Requester: Water and Sewer Department (WASD)

Committee Action: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA's review of the item found no substantive legislative, procedural or administrative noncompliance. See the Additional Information section for historical and other background information on the item.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

OCA consulted the County's Vendor Payment Inquiry Application¹ on March 9, 2022, to obtain the financial history of each awarded vendor under these items. Table 1 below provides a summary of the cumulative payments.

Table 1

Vendor Payment History with the County		
Vendor	Dates	Total
Metro Express Inc.	2014 – 2021	\$9,710,595
Lanzo Construction Co., Florida	2019	\$1,500

¹ Miami-Dade County, Vendor Payment Inquiry Application, https://w85exp.miamidade.gov/VInvoice/1_0a_vendor_login.jsp

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Section [2-8.2.12](#) of the County Code (WASD Consent Decree and Capital Improvement Programs Acceleration Ordinance) requires ratification by the BCC at its next available meeting for any act undertaken pursuant to this ordinance. Such ratification is not subject to the 4-day Rule. The following summarizes the timeline for each item.

- *Contract No. S-958, Lanzo Construction Co., Florida*
Per the backup documentation provided with the mayoral memorandum, the WASD director approved the award on November 18, 2021, pursuant to his delegated authority under Section [2-8.2.12](#) of the County Code. The mayoral memorandum noted that the contract was fully executed on February 24, 2022. However, it is unclear why there was a three (3) month gap before the contract was fully executed, given the estimated Notice to Proceed disclosed within the backup documentation was January 12, 2022.
- *Contract No. S-955, Metro Express, Inc.*
Per the backup documentation provided with the mayoral memorandum, the WASD director approved the award on December 2, 2021, pursuant to his delegated authority under Section [2-8.2.12](#) of the County Code. The mayoral memorandum noted that the contract was fully executed on February 24, 2022. However, it is unclear why there was a two (2) month gap before the contract was fully executed, given the estimated Notice to Proceed disclosed within the backup documentation was January 25, 2022.

Due Diligence

An Internet search of recommended vendor Lanzo Construction Company Florida found the following:

- The company served as a contractor for the City of Miami Beach's Palm and Hibiscus Islands Neighborhood Improvement Project to combat impacts of sea-level rise. The Office of the Inspector General investigated allegations of prolonged delays and high costs pertaining to the project.²
- The company was a contractor for the City of Delray Beach's reclaimed water system project. According to a published report, the company received the contract in December 2017 – and a year later, some residents alleged they had gotten sick due to the faulty work.³

²Susan Askew, *Inspector General Report Strongly Criticizes City of Miami Beach's First Neighborhood Project to Address Impacts of Sea Level Rise*, RE MIAMI BEACH, February 10, 2021, <https://www.remiamibeach.com/citywide/inspector-general-report-strongly-criticizes-city-of-miami-beachs-first-neighborhood-project-to-address-impacts-of-sea-level-rise/>

³Randy Schultz, *A Very Bad Deal for the Ag Reserve & Delray Water Report Findings*, BOCA MAGAZINE, May 11, 2021, <https://www.bocamag.com/ag-reserve-vote-for-gl-homes/>

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**Item No. 15C1
File No. 220526**

Research: CB / Reviewer: SC

APPOINTMENT OF MS. DEBORAH HESS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE RESPONSE K-9 FOUNDATION, INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prime Sponsor: None
Requester: Clerk of the Board
Committee Action Date: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background research regarding the appointment of Deborah Hess to the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Response K-9 Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors. The research yielded no adverse informational findings for this appointee. This report is being provided as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item Number 220526.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - [Resolution No. R-636-14](#), adopted on July 1, 2014, requires OCA to conduct background research on applicants being considered to serve on County Boards and Trusts that require nominations or appointments by the BCC.
2. In order to vet applicants for County Boards, Trusts, naming, renaming, or codesignation, OCA receives each applicant's full name, including middle name and date of birth. Once that information is received from the entity forwarding the background research request, OCA investigates the following:
 - A. Conducts a Westlaw public records search to check for additional risk factors; these factors include any criminal record or financial judgment that does not have an associated release or acquittal.
 - B. Checks the Miami-Dade Clerk of the Courts website for judgments. Judgments include federal tax liens and criminal court proceedings. Where the tax lien has an associated certificate of release, such information is not considered a finding unless specifically requested by the Board.

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These research notes, prepared in collaboration with the Miami Dade County departments as subject matter experts, is substantially less detailed in scope than an audit in accordance with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). The OCA plans and performs the review to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for its findings and conclusions based on its objectives; accordingly, the OCA does not express an opinion on the data gathered by the subject matter expert(s).