

MEMORANDUM

January 27, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: James Slaton, City Manager
Sarah B. Kirkland, Public Works Director

FROM: Nancy C Hernandez, Public Works Operation Manager

SUBJECT: Award of Construction Contract – Lake Wales Memorial Gardens Cemetery
Phase 2 Bid No. 26-03

SYNOPSIS: Staff is recommending approval to award Bid No. 26-03 for the construction of Lake Wales Memorial Gardens Cemetery Phase 2 to Tiger Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$609,428.73.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Commission consider taking the following action:

1. Approve the award of Bid No. 26-03 for the construction of Lake Wales Memorial Gardens Cemetery Phase 2 to Tiger Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$609,428.73.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary contract documents on behalf of the City

BACKGROUND

In January 2007, the City purchased approximately fifty (50) acres of land located at Hunt Brothers Road and Lake Bella Road for future cemetery expansion. Of that acreage, twenty (20) acres were designated for the Lake Wales Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The first five (5) acres of the site were designed and constructed and became available for internments in 2015. As burial capacity within Phase 1 continues to be reduced, staff initiated the next phase of expansion to ensure the City remains prepared to meet future interment needs.

Engineering and design services for Phase 2 were previously approved through Master Consulting Agreement #20-471, Task Order #8 with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$192,950.00, which included design, permitting assistance, bidding support, and construction phase services.

Following completion of the design, the City solicited bids for construction under Bid No. 26-03. A total of six (6) bids were received and evaluated by City staff and Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. One (1) bid was deemed non-responsive as it addressed irrigation services only. Of the

remaining bids, Tiger Contracting, LLC submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid. The engineer's opinion of probable construction cost was approximately twenty-one percent (21%) higher than Tiger's bid, with pricing differences attributed to local mobilization efficiencies and reduced overhead rather than scope deficiencies. Based on responsiveness, qualifications, bonding capacity, and overall compliance with the bid documents, Hoyle Tanner recommends award of the project to Tiger Contracting, LLC.

OTHER OPTION

The City Commission may choose not to proceed with the award; however, delaying construction places the City at risk of not being prepared when the remaining burial spaces within Phase 1 are fully utilized.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this project is available within the approved Capital Improvement Program for cemetery expansion. The construction award amount of \$609,428.73 is within available budget allocations.

ATTACHMENT

Bid Tabulation and Recommendation to Award – Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc.
Certified Bid Tabulation
Tiger Contracting LLC Agreement