

Agenda Item: 2.d

Meeting Date: October 22, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Clayton Watkins

Date: 2026-10-06

Subject: Award of Bid #26-2621 for the purchase of the Replacement Fire Boat Lift to Elite Marine Dock & Seawall, in the amount of \$98,164.45.

Presenter(s): Isaac Wasilefsky, Engineer I, Engineering Division; and Michael Handoga, Fire Chief

Staff Recommendation: Motion for approval of Bid #26-2621 for the purchase of a replacement Fire Boat Lift to Elite Marine Dock & Seawall, of Apollo Beach, FL, in the amount of \$98,164.45.

Strategic Themes: City Services

Boards & Committees: N / A

Budget Impact: Funds for this project are budgeted in Acct. #199-2220-522-056401-PS, under Project #882010.

Past Action:

- 1.) October 23, 2014 - Commission approved Resolution 14-30 for the purchase of a Fire/EMS/Rescue Boat and Boat Lift, under New Business Item #1;
- 2.) September & October 2024 - the City's Marina sustained damage during hurricanes Helen and Milton;
- 3.) December 19, 2024 - Kimley-Horn presented to the Commission the Marina Hurricane Condition Assessment Report, under Agenda Item #3.a;
- 4.) April 15, 2025 - Commission awarded Kimley-Horn & Associates the design, permitting, and post design services for the Replacement of the City's Fishing Pier, and Day & Emergency Docks, under Agenda Item #2.e;
- 5.) November 3, 2025 - City Manager approved the Delegated Authority memo for the issuance of a Purchase Order (PO) for a replacement Fire Boat Lift; and
- 6.) January 8, 2026 - Commission awarded Bid #25-2540 to On-Point Contracting Company for the Marina Fishing Pier

Replacement, under Agenda Item #3.c.

Next Action: Issuance of a Purchase Order (PO) for the purchase of the replacement fire boat lift, subject to Commission approval.

Attachments: [A. Purchasing Memo - ITB 26-2621.pdf](#)
[B. Bid Tabulation ITB 26-2621.pdf](#)
[C. Elite Marine Bid Document.pdf](#)

Background: The Dunedin City Marina was severely damaged during 2024's Hurricanes Helene & Milton. A structural damage assessment inspection was performed by Kimley-Horn on October 16, 2024, with the Damage Assessment Report provided to the City on December 16, 2024. As identified in the Damage Assessment Report Post Hurricanes, Hurricane Helene critically damaged the fire boat lift and rescue dock, and indicated they should be replaced.

In November 2025, the City Manager approved a Purchase Order (PO) for a like-kind replacement boat lift under her Delegated Authority powers. This lift is intended to be installed as part of the Marina Fishing Pier Replacement project; however, Pier construction remains paused pending Army Corps of Engineers permit review and approval.

Dunedin's Fire Rescue personnel utilize the fire boat lift for various life safety rescue purposes. Between the initial PO approval and now, the Fire Department has evaluated their current and anticipated needs for their fire rescue boat. The current boat was purchased in 2014, under Resolution 14-30, approved by the City Commission.

In the intervening years, marine requests for service have increased along with the requirements to conduct rapid and safe emergency response. Fire Rescue has identified the need for a larger patient treatment area, the ability to carry larger and heavier safety equipment, the ability to respond during inclement weather, and overall performance needs will require a larger vessel. Given the future fire boat will be larger and heavier than the current boat, the previously approved replacement lift will be unable to serve the anticipated replacement vessel, and would require additional, costly modifications. As such, staff determined purchasing a larger boat was warranted and accommodated with the proposed replacement Fire Boat Lift. However, this is in anticipation of future fire rescue needs at time of the fire rescue boat replacement and any future vessel purchase would be subject to City Commission approval.

Therefore, new specifications were drafted to satisfy the requirements of servicing both the current fire rescue boat as well

as being able to accommodate a larger vessel. The resulting specifications were competitively advertised and bid as ITB #26-2621. One (1) bid was received and reviewed by Fire Department and Engineering Division staff. It was determined that Elite Marine Dock & Seawall was a responsive and responsible bidder, receiving satisfactory feedback from their references.

As such, staff hereby recommends Commission approval to award Bid #26-2621 for the purchase of the Replacement Marina Platform Boat Lift to Elite Marine Dock & Seawall, of Apollo Beach, FL, in the amount of \$98,164.45, as detailed herein.