

**Agenda Item:** 2.c

**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Commission

**Through:** Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

**From:** Clay Watkins

**Date:** 2026-01-15

**Subject:** Award of Bid #25-2541 for North Douglas Avenue Drainage Improvements to Stage Door II, LLC, of Apopka, FL, in the amount of \$193,502.10.

**Presenter(s):** Clayton "Clay" T. Watkins, P.E., Director of Utilities & Engineering

**Staff Recommendation:** Motion for Commission award of Bid #25-2541 for N. Douglas Ave Drainage Improvements to Stage Door II, LLC, of Apopka, FL, in the amount of \$193,502.10.

**Strategic Themes:** Infrastructure, Planning, and Growth

**Boards & Committees:** N / A

**Budget Impact:** Funds for this project are budgeted under Project #532503, in Account #443-5300-538-056301-SU (Stormwater).

**Past Action:**

- 1.) Jones Edmunds Associates (JEA) awarded North Douglas Avenue Flooding Alternatives Analysis (for \$96,820) during the 04/30/24 City Commission Work Session Meeting (under Agenda Item #2.e), and;
- 2.) Jones Edmunds Associates (JEA) awarded design, permitting, and post design services (for \$88,500) during the 02/18/25 City Commission Work Session Meeting (under Agenda Item #2.e).

**Next Action:** Issue a "Notice to Proceed" (NTP) for Award of Bid #25-2541, subject to Commission approval of staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

- A. Purchasing Agent Memo - Bid #25-2541 (N. Douglas Drainage Improvements).pdf
- B. Initial Bid Opening Summary (Bid #25-2541).pdf
- C. Bid Submittal Stage Door II, LLC .PDF
- D. Bid Tabulation Spreadsheet.pdf

**Background:** North Douglas Avenue terminates at the entrance of Hammock Park, which borders Cedar Creek. This portion of Cedar Creek is

tidally influenced. Historically, runoff from North Douglas Avenue has been conveyed to the north through a ditch adjacent to the former railroad right-of-way, and now the Pinellas Trail. Drainage improvements over the years included construction of a stormwater treatment pond, and a new drainage ditch, both connected to Cedar Creek. The existing street elevation at the lowest point to the north is at approximately 2.3 feet MSL (Mean Sea Level). As sea water levels have risen, high tides routinely exceed this roadway elevation, and periodically inundate the street.

City staff held a Neighborhood Meeting on September 20, 2023 with the residents of North Douglas Avenue following Hurricane Idalia, which occurred on August 29, 2023. Street and home flooding occurred during that event due to tidal flooding. At the Neighborhood Meeting, residents voiced their concerns not only related to the hurricane event flooding, but also with respect to street flooding that occurs during high tides (i.e.: "sunny day flooding"). Staff subsequently verified the existing stormwater system is not blocked and is functioning.

The occurrence of "sunny day flooding" is becoming more common in coastal communities as a result of sea level rise. The City indicated during the aforementioned Public Meeting, it would explore possible alternatives to address these flooding issues. Staff subsequently met with Jones-Edmunds Associates (JEA), who prepared the City Stormwater Master Plan in 2020; and requested a proposal to perform a feasibility analysis on alternatives to address these flooding concerns.

JEA was awarded a GEC Service Authorization Task Assignment for the North Douglas Avenue Flooding Alternative Analysis on April 30, 2024, during the City Commission Work Session meeting under Agenda Item #2.e. Their analysis considered potential solutions to address "sunny day flooding" in an effort to block the incoming tide from Cedar Creek, to the extent possible. Alternatives addressing flooding from rainfall, and/or a combination of tide, were also analyzed.

JEA subsequently provided technical memorandums which identified twelve (12) potential solutions to be considered, with the top four (4) being carried forward into a more detailed evaluation. On December 4, 2024, staff held a Public Meeting where JEA presented their findings and recommended an alternative from their analysis.

Following that meeting, and in accordance with consensus direction and JEA's recommended alternative, staff requested JEA provide a GEC scope and fee proposal for design, permitting, and post design services for the final recommended

alternative. JEA's design and permitting Service Authorization was awarded during the February 18, 2025 City Commission Work Session meeting, under Agenda Item #2.e.

The North Douglas Drainage Improvements project was competitively advertised and bid as described in the attached Purchasing Manager's memorandum. Bids were received by the December 18, 2025 bidding deadline from five (5) bidders, ranging in cost from \$193,502.10 to \$341,053.90. City staff reviewed all the bids and determined the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder was Stage Door II, LLC, in the bid amount of \$193,502.10. Staff subsequently checked Stage Door II, LLC's references and received satisfactory feedback.

Construction is anticipated to commence as soon as possible following award of bid, and the issuance of a Notice to Proceed (NTP), expected in April of 2026.

As such, staff hereby recommends Commission approval to award Bid #25-2541 - North Douglas Drainage Improvements to Stage Door II, LLC, of Apopka, FL, in the amount of \$193,502.10, as detailed herein.