

**Agenda Item:** 2.c

**Meeting Date:** March 19, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Commission

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

**From:** Clayton Watkins

**Date:** 2026-03-09

**Subject:** SUPPLEMENT: Approve the shortlist, negotiation, and award of RFQ 25-2528 - "Dunedin Marina Design and Permitting of Docks A & B Replacement" to Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., of St. Petersburg, FL, in the amount of \$355,757.

**Presenter(s):** Clayton "Clay" T. Watkins, P.E., Director of Utilities & Engineering; and Laurie Ferguson, Harbor Master

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**Strategic Themes:** Community Amenities

**Boards & Committees:** Marina Advisory Committee

**Budget Impact:** Funds will be expended from storm related expense Acct. #442-4900-575-056301-MR, under Project #882010.

**Past Action:**

- 1.) The City's Marina sustained damage during hurricanes Helene (September 26, 2024) and Milton (October 10, 2024);
- 2.) Kimley-Horn & Associates performed a structural inspection of the marina and provided their report on December 16, 2024;
- 3.) Kimley-Horn & Associates awarded design, permitting, and post design services (\$298,083) at the January 21, 2025 Commission Meeting for the Replacement of the Eastern Bulkhead & Repair to the Northern Bulkhead (Agenda Item #3.a);
- 4.) McKim & Creed performed an inspection of the Marina's electrical system and provided their report on February 17, 2025;
- 5.) Tetra Tech, Inc. awarded project management support for the Dunedin Marina recovery projects at the February 20, 2025 Commission Meeting for Consultant Project Manager Timothy Vanderwalker in the amount of \$224,766.25 (Agenda Item #2.c);
- 6.) A Special Marina Update Commission Meeting was held on

February 25, 2025 (Agenda Item #1.a);

7.) Kimley-Horn & Associates awarded design, permitting, and post design services (\$259,822) at the April 15, 2025 Commission Meeting for the Replacement of the City's Fishing Pier, Day and Emergency Docks, and amenities associated with the fishing pier (Agenda Item #2.e);

8.) Purchase of new Marine Shore Power Pedestals (\$210,696) was approved at the May 8, 2025 Commission Meeting (Agenda Item #2.e);

9.) Installation of the Marine Shore Power Pedestals (\$38,960) was approved at the May 8, 2025 Commission Meeting (Agenda Item #2.f).

10.) Award of Bid #25-2523 for Marina East Wall Replacement and North Wall Repair to BDI Marine Contractors, LLC (\$3,047,451) was approved at the July 17, 2025 Commission Meeting (Agenda Item #3.e); and construction is currently ongoing;

11.) First written Amendment to the Agreement with BDI Marine Contractors, LLC (BDI) to add the State Statute language for Substantial Completion was approved at December 18, 2025 Commission Meeting (Agenda Item #3.f);

12.) Award of Bid #25-2540 for Marina Fishing Pier Replacement was approved on January 8, 2026 and issued to On-Point Contracting Company, LLC, of Spring Hill, FL, in the amount of \$1,742,991.45 (Agenda Item #3.C); and

13.) On February 5, 2026, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority received an \$828,000 USDOT appropriation to restore the Ferry Dock in Dunedin, and support the Clearwater Ferry service between Dunedin, Downtown Clearwater, and Clearwater Beach.

**Next Action:**

Commence design and permitting following the issuance of a Purchase Order, subject to Commission approval award recommendation.

**Attachments:**

[SUPPLEMENT A. Purchasing Memo RFQ 25-2528.pdf](#)  
[SUPPLEMENT: B. Dunedin Marina Dock A and B\(941459.9\).pdf](#)  
[SUPPLEMENT: C. Marina Recovery Schedule.pdf](#)  
[SUPPLEMENT: D. J Foster Consulting Bid Response.PDF](#)  
[SUPPLEMENT: E. Kimley-Horn & Associates Bid Response.PDF](#)  
[SUPPLEMENT: F. LJA Engineering, Inc Bid Response.PDF](#)

**Background:**

Hurricanes Helene and Milton impacted the City of Dunedin's Marina on September 26th and October 10th 2024, respectively. The marina suffered damages throughout, inclusive of: the fishing pier; some of the wood piles for the docks and finger piers were raised; electrical pedestals were submerged in saltwater, with several knocked over from the storm surge; and debris from other docks floated with the rising tides into the Marina during Hurricane Helene. Hurricane Milton brought rain and winds that caused damages to the north seawall, as well as the collapse of a large

segment of the east seawall. The collapse of the eastern seawall subsequently caused damage to the adjacent parking lot.

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 Hurricane, Hurricane Helene severely damaged the City's Fishing Pier, Day Docks, Emergency Docks, and Docks A and B.

The City's Consultant Project Manager, Timothy Vanderwalker, created a solicitation package for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Staff worked with the Project Manager and the City's Purchasing Division to finalize the RFQ package for the design and permitting of Docks A & B Replacements.

On October 8, 2025, the Selection Committee met to evaluate the four (4) qualification package submittals. The Selection Committee consisted of: Martin Wade, P.E., Engineer III; Patrick Prusak, Engineering Project Manager; and Michael MacDonald, Director - Marine and Aviation Department for the City of Clearwater. The Committee evaluated, scored, and ranked the qualification packages and short listed three (3) companies: J Foster Consulting; Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc; and LJA Engineering, Inc.

On October 15, 2025, the Selection Committee met for the short list candidates interviews. The combined scores from the evaluation meeting and interviews were totaled, and Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc, was determined to be the highest scoring firm.

Following the Selection Committee's ranking, the City's Project Manager and staff negotiated a scope and fee with Kimley-Horn for the design and permitting of Docks A & B Replacement based on the RFQ Solicitation Package. The City's Project Manager and staff have reviewed their scope and fee and found it to be satisfactory. The City Attorney has created and reviewed the corresponding Consultant Services Agreement, and it has been "Approved As To Form".

As such, staff hereby recommends Commission approve the shortlist, negotiation, and award of RFQ 25-2528 - "Dunedin Marina Design and Permitting of Docks A & B Replacement" to Kimley-Horn & Associates, of St. Petersburg, FL, in the amount of \$355,757, as detailed herein.