

Recommendation re: Award of Bid 2023 ITB-202 to Finishing by Baker for the Renovation of Gandy Pool

Gandy Pool was built in 1993 as a gunite pool with a plaster (marcite) finish. In 2023 Scott Vaughn, PE, LLC (SRVPE consultant) was hired to evaluate the pool, prepare the bid & construction specifications and evaluate bid submittals in preparation for renovation of Gandy pool.

The pool renovation scope includes:

- 1) Dewatering the pool. Protection of pool rails and accessories (rails, swim platforms, lifeguard stations, backstroke stanchions, cup anchors), tile and grating at ramp entry, and existing beam coping and depth marker tile. Removal of all pool lights.
- 2) Demolition of all existing cap tiles in the gutters and on the entry steps. Removal of all existing plaster and exposed aggregate to depths as specified, removal of expansion joint sealants, removal of all tile lanes and targets. Sound pool walls, floors and steps for hollow areas and repair per specifications.
- 3) Installation of cap, gutter, swim lane, and wall target tiles as well as tile at the entry slope break.
- 4) Preparation of pool shell for new exposed aggregate and survey to verify swim lane distances conform to USA 2023 Swimming Rules.
- 5) Installation of pool quartz aggregate finish to specifications. Engineer and manufacturers inspections approvals mandatory.
- 6) Preparation of renovated pool for startup.

Purchasing issued Bid # 2023 ITB-202 on February 14, 2024. Three bids were submitted on April 8, 2024. The consultant evaluated the bids submitted:

1) AUMiller Pools LLC	Winter Park, Florida	\$336,500.00
2) Electro Mechanic Industries	Orlando, Florida	\$265,080.00
3) Finishing by Baker	Naples, Florida	\$433,000.00

The consultant deemed the low bid (Electro Mechanic Industries) and the bid from AUMiller Pools LLC as unresponsive due to the failure to meet the specified reference criteria. The specifications required submitting companies to have successfully completed three (3) pool projects within the past three (3) years which are of equal size, scope, magnitude and complexity as the Renovation of Gandy Pool. The consultant recommends award of the bid to Finishing by Baker for the bid amount of \$433,000. Purchasing issued an Intent to Award on November 13, 2024.

Renovation is expected to begin in December and is estimated to be completed and opened to the public in May 2024. COL Aquatics staff is responsible for the startup, chemical balance and temperature regulation.

Funding for the Renovation of Gandy Pool is available in the FY25 Public Improvement Fund Capital Improvement Plan.

Staff recommends that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a Purchase Order to Finishing by Baker for a not to exceed price of \$433,000 for the Gandy Pool Renovation.