



Agenda Item: Discuss and Consider the Approval to Proceed with Engineering and Permitting Services for a Bulkhead at Seawolf Park

Background:

Seawolf Park is the home to two historic vessels the USS Cavalla, a Gato class fleet sub designed and built in the summer of 1943 and the USS Stewart, one of only two remaining Destroyer Escorts and the only Edsall-class DE in the United States (built in 1942). The ship and sub sit at the southwest corner of the park and are both on the National Register of Historic Places.

The ship and sub are now land based and held in earthen trenches. Seawolf Park is comprised of mostly fill to make up the land mass and there is an existing bulkhead just south of the Stewart to protect the shoreline and the vessel. This bulkhead is aging and needs repair or replacement. The Park Board has identified this and has budgeted funds to undertake engineering efforts in FY 23.

Proposed services most likely shall include:

- Investigation
- Surveying
- Geotechnical Investigation
- Preliminary Design
- USACE Permitting
- Construction & Bidding Documents
- City of Galveston Construction Permit

Staff Recommendation:

Park Board staff recommends negotiating a proposal with Atkins North America, Inc. for the necessary tasks and services outlined above. The Texas Government Code Chapter 2254 allows for the hiring of Engineers on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services. The Park Board has a long relationship with Atkins on coastal projects and their knowledge of the Corp permitting processes, which will be instrumental with this project.

Funding Source (if applicable):

Park Board Seawolf Park budget SW-70-5204, Operational revenues \$133,000.