



Legislation Text

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Change Order to the Construction Contract for Thomas Center Building B, Citizen Centered Improvements (B)

This item involves a request to approve a Change Order for the construction contract, 306 NE 6th Avenue, in order to provide a better final product and to address site conditions to provide network connectivity for existing and future building division staff.

In February 2016, the City Commission approved staff's recommendation to allocate funding for Citizen Center Gainesville projects including funds for improvements to Thomas Center Building B. The contract award was to Oelrich Construction, Inc., for the project in accordance with approved plans and specifications. The project is nearing completion. During interior work within the Building Division it was discovered that the hardware and cabling needed to support the existing staff was inadequate to meet the growing need for computer ports. In addition, anticipating the department being fully staffed with the Commission approved FTEs the switch box was found to not have adequate capacity to handle all the anticipated computers. Finally, with the recent roll out of electronic plan review ensuring adequate wireless coverage to allow uploading of construction plans was found to be a needed upgrade to the existing wireless network in the building.

Additional funding is also being requested to complete finishes in the building division customer counter area, carpet replacement in three building division offices, and conversion of a waiting area into an office space for utilization by the building division.

The additional construction cost is estimated to be \$29,711.40. The contractor estimates the work to be \$25,836. Staff is adding a contingency of 15%.

The estimate for IT network equipment is \$15,288.66.

The original awarded amount for this project was \$294,000. Funding for the project was allocated from the General Fund (Citizen Centered Gainesville) and the Building Enterprise Fund. Change Order #1 will be for an additional \$29,711.40 from the Building Enterprise Fund. The Building Enterprise Fund balance is \$5,530,359.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order #1 for the 306 NE 6th Avenue, Thomas Center Building B Citizen Centered Gainesville project; 2) modify the purchase order as necessary, not to exceed the construction cost of \$323,711.40; and 3) authorize the City Manager to purchase and authorize installation of \$15,288.66 for network equipment.