City of Asheville Staff Report

City Council Meeting Date: October 13, 2026

Staff Resources: D. Tyrell McGirt, Parks & Recreation Director

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Rivertop Contracting, Inc. for downtown park landscape maintenance services for one (1) year for $92,545, with an option to renew for up to four (4) additional years for a total contract value not to exceed $462,725.

Background:

- The Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for maintenance of Pack Square Park, Rankin Park, Pritchard Park, Grace's Garden, & Triangle Park located downtown.
- A Request for Proposals was advertised for interested companies to provide landscape maintenance services for one (1) year with an option to renew for an additional four (4) years.
- Rivertop Contracting, Inc. was selected based on experience, qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, and availability.
- The contractor will provide all labor, materials, and supplies for the operations and management of landscape maintenance services, ensuring the parks & greenway will be maintained in a well-kept, safe, and efficient manner.

Vendor Outreach: Staff performed outreach through solicitation processes which include posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System and direct contact via email to local contractors. The lowest, responsible bidder was Rivertop Contracting, Inc., from Swannanoa, NC.

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- A Clean, Safe, and Healthy Environment

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- Infrastructure & Environment

Committee(s): None

Fiscal Impact: Funding for this contract is included in the adopted FY27 Parks & Recreation Operating Budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Rivertop Contracting, Inc. for landscape maintenance services for one (1) year for

$92,545, with an option to renew for up to four (4) additional years for a total contract value not to exceed $462,725.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

Resolution No. 26-_____

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Rivertop Contracting, Inc. for Downtown Landscape Maintenance Services

Whereas, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

Whereas, the Parks & Recreation Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the landscape maintenance of the downtown parks including Pack Square Park, Rankin Park, Pritchard Park, Grace's Garden, & Triangle Park; and

Whereas, Rivertop Contracting, Inc. was selected based on qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, and availability; and

Whereas, the contract is for one (1) year for $92,545, with an option to renew for up to four (4) additional years for a total contract value not to exceed $462,725; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Asheville That:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to Execute a Contract with Rivertop Contracting, Inc. for Downtown Landscape Maintenance Services for One (1) Year for $92,545, with an Option to Renew for Up to Four (4) Additional Years for a Total Contract Value Not to Exceed $462,725.

Read, approved and adopted this 13th day of October, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk