THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: May 9, 2023

Subject: Professional Services contract for the Reed Creek Greenway Extension Feasibility Study

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE, Transportation Department Director
Lucy Crown, Transportation Planning Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract with McAdams, in the amount of $50,000, for professional services to prepare the Reed Creek Greenway Extension Feasibility Study.

Background:

- In 2022, the City was awarded a planning grant from the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) to prepare a feasibility study to evaluate potential alignments along the northern and southern sections of the existing Reed Creek Greenway and the transition area between the Reed Creek Greenway and the Glenn Creek Greenway.
- The feasibility study will provide information that will help with the future design of these sections, which will be accomplished under a future contract.
- The City and the FBRMPO entered into a grant agreement for the feasibility study on June 10, 2022.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed a solicitation process which included advertising Requests for Statements of Qualifications for Professional Services on the State's Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) website.
- An ad-hoc Selection Committee was formed to select the most qualified firm and included members from internal City departments, the Montford Neighborhood Association, FBRMPO, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and UNC Asheville.
- McAdams firm is a pre-qualified vendor with NCDOT through the work code 132 - Landscape & Streetscape Design and is registered as a RS-2 Prime Consultant Firm, as required by the project funding.

Council Goal(s):

- Improve / Expand Core Services

Committee(s): N/A

Pro(s):

- Enable the City to determine the most appropriate alignments for the subject sections.
- Aid the City during the future design phase.
- Satisfies a recommendation from the adopted GAP Plan.

Con(s):

- $10,000 in matching funds is required.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for the $10,000 local grant match was previously budgeted and is available in the City's General Capital Projects Fund.

Suggested Motion:

- Authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract with McAdams, in the amount of $50,000, for professional services to prepare the Reed Creek Greenway Extension Feasibility Study.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MCADAMS FOR THE REED CREEK FEASIBILITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority, pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, the Reed Creek Greenway Feasibility Study listed in December 13, 2022, CIP Financial Statement of Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Reed Creek Greenway is a top priority greenway project in the GAP plans; and

WHEREAS, City Council approved Resolution 21-19 on January 26, 2021, authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept funds from the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the feasibility study of Reed Creek Greenway; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is authorized to enter into and execute a contract with McAdams, in the amount of $50,000, for professional services for the Reed Creek Greenway Extension Feasibility Study.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 9th day of May, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney