THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: May 23, 2023

Subject: Parking Garage Capital Repairs - Immediate Priority

Staff Resource(s): Jade Dundas, Capital Projects Director

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Walker Consultants for the engineering of various immediate-priority repairs at the Wall Street, Rankin Avenue and Harrah's Cherokee Center parking garages in an amount not to exceed $90,850.

Background:

- The City advertised a Request for Qualifications on October 11, 2022, for facility assessment and engineering professional services for the Parking Garage Capital Improvements Project.
- An evaluation committee selected Walker Consultants as the most qualified respondent, and the City awarded a contract to Walker Consultants on January 24, 2023.
- In March 2023, the consultant performed an onsite investigation and assessment of the City's four parking garages: Harrah's Cherokee Center, Rankin Avenue, Wall Street and Biltmore Avenue garages.
- Following an initial analysis of the information collected during the assessment, the consultant submitted a list of immediate-priority repairs.
- These repairs include reinforcement of structural concrete corbels and repair of steel framing and supports.
- The services authorized in this amendment will provide the engineered drawings for these repairs.
- The engineering will take approximately six weeks to complete, after which the advertisement for the construction bid can be issued.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach to minority and women owned businesses through solicitation processes which include posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System and encouraging consultants to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services.
- Walker Consultants has subcontracted with John J. Clark & Associates, Inc. of Charlotte, NC which is a Minority-Owned Enterprise.

Council Goal(s):

- A Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- This work is for the safe and beneficial use of City parking facilities by City residents and visitors.

Con(s):

- The project will temporarily impact parking operations, as phased shut-downs of areas of the garages are coordinated during construction, anticipated to start this fall.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this amendment was previously budgeted and is available in the Parking Services Capital Projects Fund.

Suggested Motion:

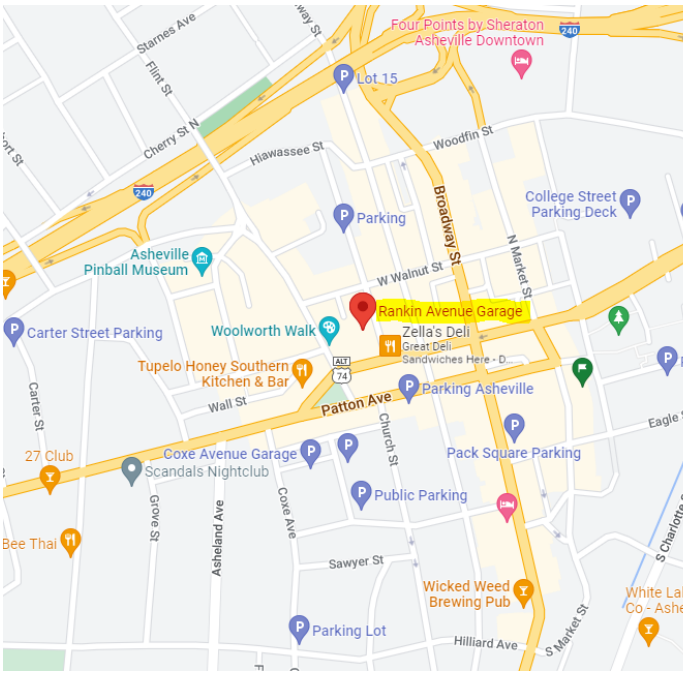
- Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Walker Consultants for the engineering of various immediate-priority repairs at the Wall Street, Rankin Avenue and Harrah's Cherokee Center parking garages.

Attachment(s)

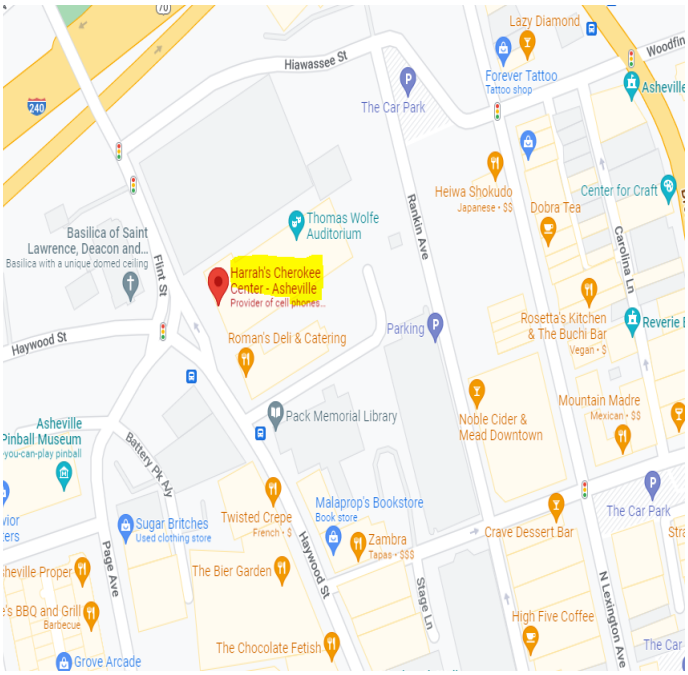
- Area Map
- Resolution

PROJECT LOCATIONS

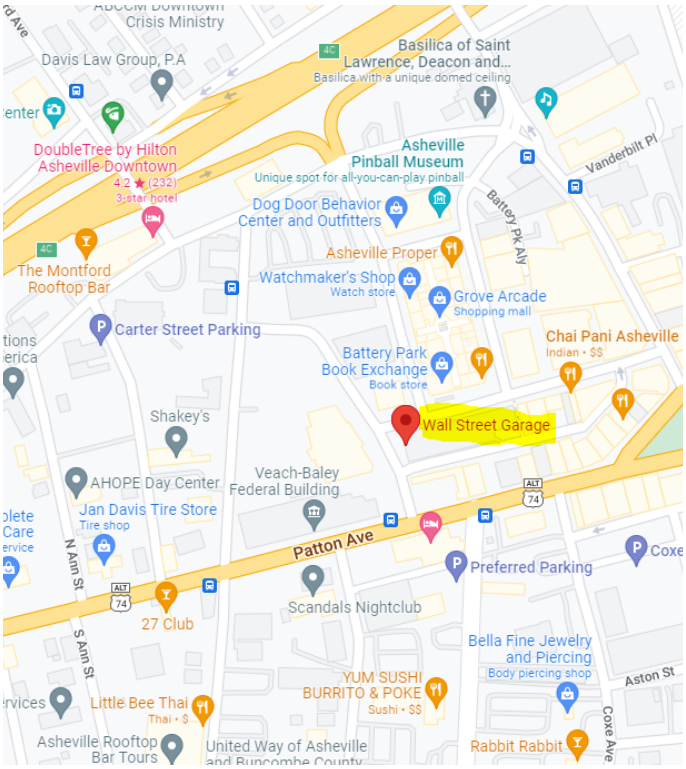
Rankin Garage



HCCA Civic Center Garage



Wall Street Garage



RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH WALKER CONSULTANTS FOR THE ENGINEERING OF VARIOUS IMMEDIATE-PRIORITY REPAIRS AT THE WALL STREET, RANKIN AVENUE, AND HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CENTER PARKING GARAGES.

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, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-64.31, qualifications were solicited for the facility assessment and engineering of the Parking Garage Capital Improvements project; and

WHEREAS, Walker Consultants was selected as the best qualified firm; and

WHEREAS, the City executed a contract with Walker Consultants on March 6, 2023 for a facility assessment; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend the contract in an amount not to exceed $90,850, for engineering services, and funding for the project is allocated within the Capital Improvement Program Fund;

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 amendment with Walker Consultants for the engineering of various immediate-priority repairs at the Wall Street, Rankin Avenue and Harrah's Cherokee Center parking garages in an amount not to exceed $90,850.

Read, approved and adopted this the 23rd day of May, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney