Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: March 28,2023

Subject: Invasive Plant Maintenance Contract Renewal

Staff Resource(s): D. Tyrell McGirt, Director, Parks & Recreation
Pete Wall, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Mountain Goatscapes for invasive plant maintenance services to increase the authorized contract amount and extend the contract period for an additional year for a total contract value not to exceed $93,848.

Background:

- The Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for the maintenance of over 600 acres of open space.
- Invasive plants such as kudzu & poison ivy have continued to encroach on park land and compromise woodlands.
- This contract renewal will continue to provide invasive plant maintenance services at McCormick Field, Tempie Avery Center, Stephens Lee Center, and Seven Springs Park .
- A Request for Proposals was advertised for interested companies to provide invasive plant maintenance services for (1) year with an option to renew for an additional (2) years.
- Mountain Goatscapes was selected based on experience, qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, and availability.
- The Parks Department entered into the contract for the first two years but now requires City Council approval for the contract amount for the third and final year.
- The contractor will provide all labor, materials, and supplies for the operations and management for invasive plant maintenance services, ensuring the parks will be maintained in a well kept, safe, efficient manner.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach to minority- and women-owned businesses through solicitation processes which included direct vendor outreach, and posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers.
- There was one (1) proposal submitted including (1) woman owned business.
- The contractor selected is a woman owned business.

Council Goal(s):

- A Well planned and Livable Community
- Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Will help continue to meet level of service standards for city-owned parks and greenways.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract is available in the Parks & Recreation Department operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Mountain Goatscapes, for invasive plant maintenance services to extend the contract for one year for an amount of $32,820 for a total contract amount not to exceed $93,848.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE INVASIVE PLANT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR CITY PARKS WITH MOUNTAIN GOATSCAPES

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 advertised for the invasive plant maintenance of city parks**;** and

WHEREAS, Mountain Goatscapes, was selected based on the qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, and availability; and

WHEREAS, the contract was for one-year plus up to two (2) one-year extensions;

WHEREAS, the second year of the contract will expire in March, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department now requests City Council approval to extend the contract term and increase the contract amount;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the contract with Mountain Goatscapes for invasive plant maintenance services for city parks to extend the contract for one year for an amount of $32,820 for a total contract amount not to exceed $93,848.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 28th day of March, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney