THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: July 25, 2023

Subject: Design Contract for Coxe Avenue Streetscape

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn, Inc. in the amount of $472,526.94 for design and engineering of the Coxe Avenue Streetscape; further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $47,000.

Background:

- The City of Asheville received a federal grant through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for design and environmental documentation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Coxe Avenue in the total amount of $420,000 grant plus the local match of $105,000 for a grand total of $525,000.
- City Council Resolution No. 20-61 authorized the City Manager to apply for, and if awarded, accept funding from the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation projects including Coxe Avenue Complete Street that included a federal ask of $9,040,000; a City match of $2,260,000; for a total project budget of $11,300,000.
- In October 2021, the City of Asheville advertised a request for qualifications for engineering and design services for the Coxe Avenue Streetscape Project.
- The selection of a design and engineering firm for this project took longer than it would for a typical project because of the multi-step NCDOT review process required for the NCDOT grant funding. NCDOT's vetting process included lengthy reviews for advertisement, consultant ranking, and a scope/fee review prior to the negotiation of the final scope and fee for design services.
- A seven member selection committee evaluated qualification packages from sixteen different design teams based on the team qualifications and relevant project types.
- The highest ranked team is led by Kimley-Horn and includes Brooks Engineering (Asheville based), Vaughn & Melton (Asheville office), Ellum Engineering (WBE).
- The negotiated fee is $472,526.94 and includes surveying services, below grade utility explorations, conceptual design, public outreach, design development services, utility coordination, stormwater design, cost estimating and final construction bidding documentation services.

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, direct contact of firms on City, HUB, and NCDOT Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) lists
- The highest ranked team does have a woman owned business on the team, Ellum Engineering, which will be performing approximately $27,000 worth of subcontracted services.

Council Goal(s):

- A Thriving Local Economy
- A Clean & Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Provides for the design of pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Coxe Avenue, as well as additional infrastructure upgrades.
- Allows municipal funding to leverage significant grant funding opportunities with Department of Transportation and Tourism Product Development funding.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

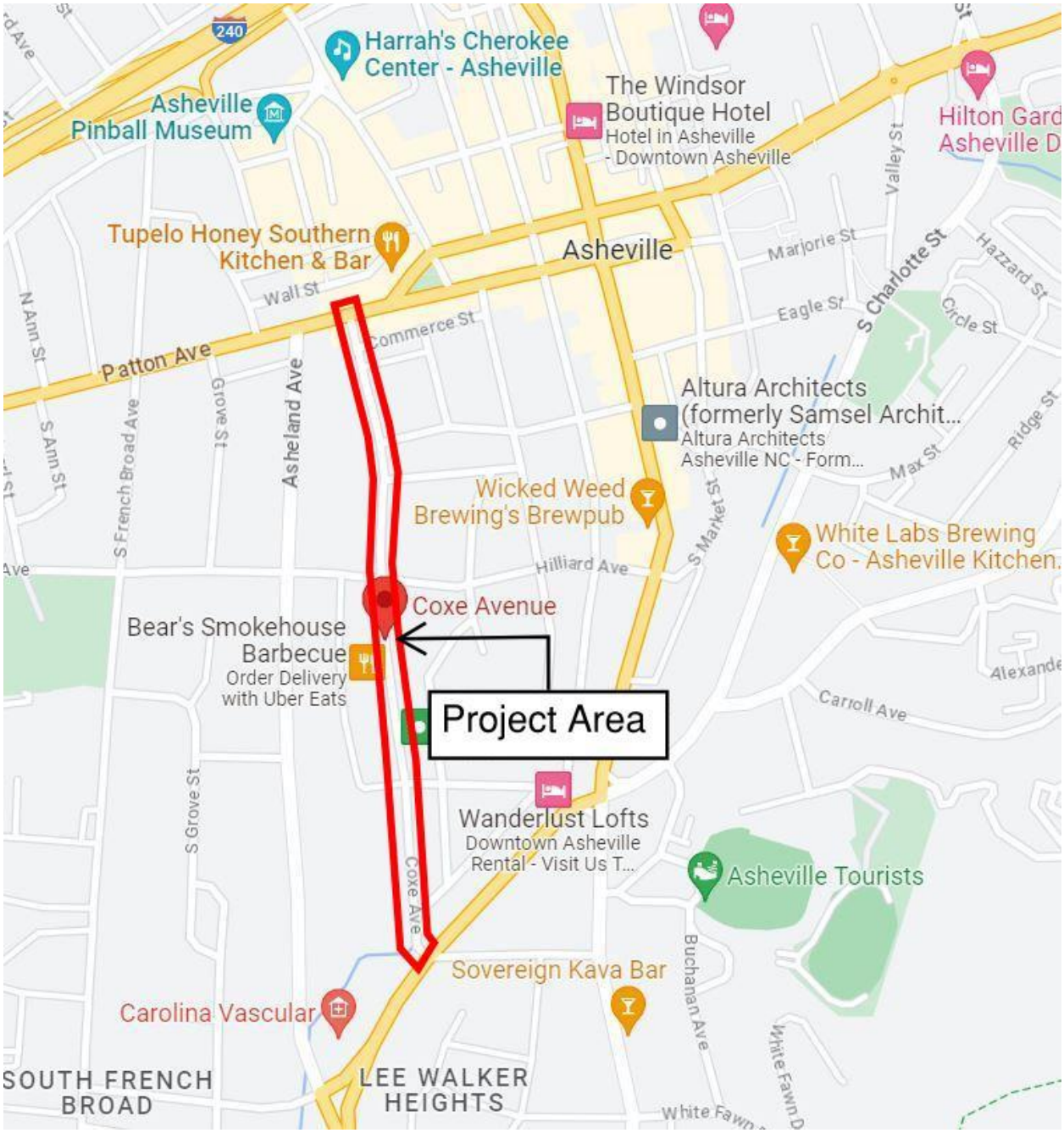
- Funding for this contract was previously budgeted and is available in the General Capital Projects Fund.
- Funding for the construction of this project is planned in the City's Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2024-25.
- Current funding sources include 80% NCDOT grant funding and a 20% City match. A future TDA funding request is anticipated to replace allocated TDA funding that was redirected to McCormick Field.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn, Inc. for $466,981.06 to design the Coxe Avenue Streetscape Project; and further authorized to execute any contract amendments that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $47,000 (~10%).

Attachment(s)

- Project area map
- Resolution


Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville
Asheville Pinball Museum
The Windsor Boutique Hotel
Hotel in Asheville - Downtown Asheville
Tupelo Honey Southern Kitchen & Bar
Asheville
Wall St
Commerce St
Patton Ave
Marjorie St
Eagle St
S Charlotte St
Valley St
Hazzard St
Circle St
Ridge St
Max St
N Ann St
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S French Broad Ave
Grove St
Asheland Ave
Altura Architects (formerly Samsel Archit...
Altura Architects Asheville NC - Form...
Wicked Weed Brewing's Brewpub
S Market St
White Labs Brewing Co - Asheville Kitchen
Hilliard Ave
Coxe Avenue
Bear's Smokehouse Barbecue
Order Delivery with Uber Eats
Project Area
Carroll Ave
Wanderlust Lofts
Downtown Asheville Rental - Visit Us T...
Asheville Tourists
S Grove St
Coxe Ave
Sovereign Kava Bar
Buchanan Ave
Carolina Vascular
SOUTH FRENCH BROAD
LEE WALKER HEIGHTS
White Fawn Dr

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN, INC. FOR STREETSCAPE DESIGN SERVICES ON COXE AVENUE.

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, A request for qualifications were solicited for the project known as Coxe Avenue Streetscape; and

WHEREAS, Kimley-Horn, Inc. was selected as the most qualified consulting firm responding to the RFQ, and

WHEREAS, the project involves design services, construction documents, permitting, environmental documents and community outreach;

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 Kimley-Horn, Inc. for $466,981.06 to design the Coxe Avenue Streetscape Project; and further authorized to execute any contract amendments that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $47,000 (~10%).

Read, approved and adopted this the 25th day of July, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney