THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: December 12, 2023

Subject: FY 2023-24 Downtown Cleaning Contract

Staff Resource(s): Greg Shuler, Public Works Director
Chad Bandy, Streets Division Manager
Chuck Watson, Streets Project Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with WNC Landscaping, LLC. in the amount of $256,995 plus a contingency of $38,549 for a total of $295,544.00 for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Downtown Cleaning Contract; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the two optional extensions to the contract provided the project is funded in the FY25 and FY26 budgets.

Background:

- This base contract includes provisions for the pressure washing of City-owned sidewalks in the Central Business District (CBD) and weed control on City-owned sidewalks and curb lines.
- Alternate bids were included for two additional pressure washing cycles of Zone A, general cleanup services to remove loose litter and debris from City-owned sidewalks, the cleaning of City-owned garbage and recycling cans, and "hot spot" litter collection.
- The alternate bids will be accepted from the lowest responsive bidder on the base price provided the costs of the alternate services fit into the project budget.
- The contract has the possibility of 2 one-year extensions.
- The contract carries an automatic 3% price increase for each extension.
- The contract was advertised on September 27, 2023 and bids were opened on October 30th, 2023
- The following bids were received:

	Base Bid	Alternate Bids
WNC Landscaping, LLC of Weaverville NC	$102,504.00	$154,491.00
MSLean, LLC of Asheville, NC	$128,938.00	$191,582.00
Xtreme Eco Blasting, LTD of Charlotte, NC	$145,000.00	$127,780.00
B.H. Graning Landscapes of Sylva, NC	$592,615.00	$257,585.00

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 requiring prime contractors to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services.
- In addition staff searched the NCDOT vendor database, the NC HUB database and the City of Asheville ABI vendor database for potential contractors.
- Three MWBE companies attended the mandatory database and one submitted a bid.
- The lowest responsive bid was not a MWBE company.
- No MWBE firms submitted bids with this prime contractor and all work will be self performed by the prime contractor.

Council Goal(s):

- Clean, Safe and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- N/A

Pro(s):

- Provides the pressure washing of the CBD.
- Provides for the cleaning of City-owned garbage and recycling cans, which are a source of complaint.
- Provides for cleaning of litter hotspots throughout the CBD.

Con(s):

- Pressure washing can cause short disruptions for pedestrian traffic.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract is available in the Public Works Department operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with WNC Landscaping, LLC. in the amount of $256,995 plus a contingency of $38,549 for a total of $295,544 for the FY 2023-24 Downtown Cleaning Contract; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the two optional extensions to the contract provided the project is funded in the FY25 and FY26 budgets.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Map

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH WNC LANDSCAPING, LLC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 DOWNTOWN CLEANING CONTRACT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE TWO OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS TO THE CONTRACT PROVIDED THE PROJECT IS FUNDED IN THE FY25 AND FY26 BUDGETS.

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, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-131, bids were solicited for the project known as FY 24 Downtown Cleaning Contract; and

WHEREAS, WNC Landscaping LLC of Weaverville, NC was the lowest responsible bidder for the project, in the amount of $256,995.00; and

WHEREAS, the project involves the Cleaning of City Owned Sidewalks in the CBD; and

WHEREAS, the contract is for one year plus two optional one year extensions;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to to execute a contract with WNC Landscaping, LLC. in the amount of $256,995.00 plus a contingency of $38,549.00 for a total of $295,544.00 for the FY24 Downtown Cleaning Contract. In addition the City Manager is authorized to execute the two optional extensions to the contract provided the project is funded in the FY25 and FY26 budgets.

Read, approved and adopted this the 12th day of December, 2023.

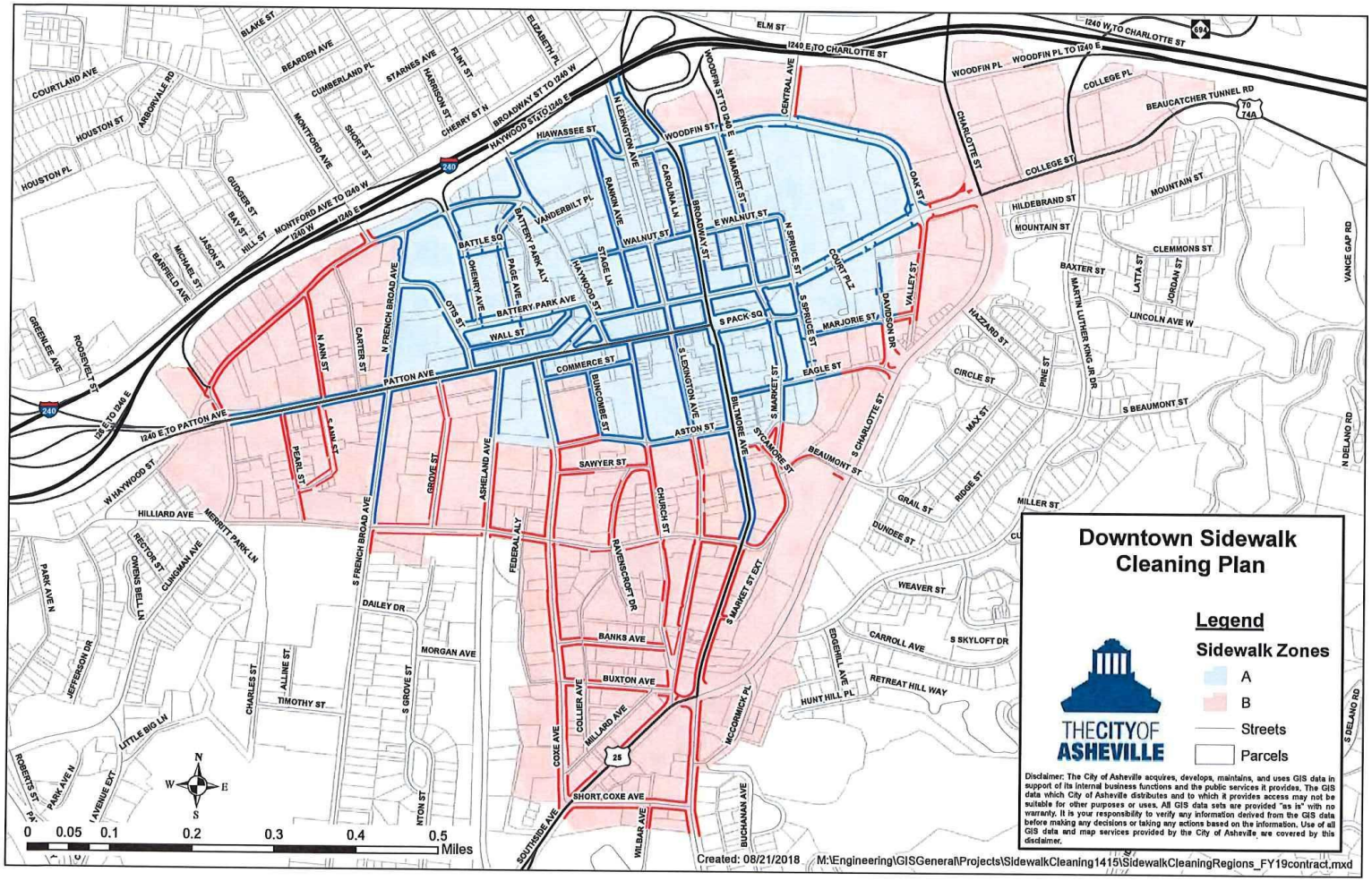
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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney


Downtown Sidewalk Cleaning Plan
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Sidewalk Zones
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