THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: August 23, 2022

Subject: Carter Ann Stormwater Improvements Project

Staff Resource(s): Greg Shuler, Public Works Director; Russell Davis, Stormwater Division Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with TP Howard's Plumbing Company, Inc. in the amount of $2,943,000.00 and to enter into change orders to this contract, if needed, not to exceed a contingency amount of $588,600.00 (20%) for a total budget of $3,531,600.00 for the Carter Ann Stormwater Improvements Project.

Background:

- Moderate to heavy rain storms create localized flooding near the intersection of Carter Street, Patton Avenue, and S. Ann Street due to an undersized and aging stormwater system.
- The proposed improvements include installation of approximately 1,700 linear feet of a new stormwater system within the right-of-way of Carter Street, S. Ann Street and Patton Avenue to improve drainage and reduce excessive stormwater on the roadway, as well as the associated resurfacing of the roads impacted by the installation of the proposed improvements.
- This project will also replace sidewalks, some trees and tree grates along Patton Avenue, and add crosswalks to meet ADA requirements.
- The complete resurfacing of Patton Avenue from S. French Broad Ave. to Clingman Ave. is a planned paving project within the Public Works Streets Division.
- This project has two funding sources:
    - The Stormwater Capital Fund is contributing $2,295,500 to install new stormwater infrastructure.
    - The General Capital Projects Fund is contributing $1,236,100 from savings from prior years' resurfacing projects for the paving of Patton Avenue, and the replacement of sidewalks and ramps to meet ADA requirements.
- Street lighting along this section of Patton Avenue will be upgraded by the City of Asheville Transportation Division through an ongoing contract with Duke Energy.
- NCDOT is partnering with the City of Asheville to modify and add additional pedestrian controls for the new crosswalks to be installed at Patton Avenue and Clingman Avenue.
- Outreach and coordination with all stakeholders has been ongoing with the assistance of CAPE.
- Additional outreach and coordination efforts have included a community walking tour of the project, and meetings with Homeless Service Providers such as AHOPE, the Rescue Mission, and Homeward Bound.
- The project was advertised on May 25, 2022.
- A total of four (4) contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting on June 7, 2022.
- A formal bid opening occurred on July 7, 2022 at 3:00 pm.
- Two (2) bids were received. Because less than three (3) bids were received, bids were not able to be opened.
- On July 12, 2022 the bid was re-posted.
- A total of three (3) contractors attended the non-mandatory, virtual pre-bid meeting on July 18, 2022.
- A formal bid opening occurred on August 4, 2022, at 3:00 pm. Three (3) bids were received:
    - TP Howard's Plumbing Company Inc., Fairview, NC $2,943,000.00
    - Moore & Son Site Contractors Inc., Mills River, NC $3,130,303.00
    - Thomas Construction Company Inc., Johnson City, TN $6,460,821.00
- The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was TP Howard's Plumbing Company, Inc.
- Construction is anticipated to start in Fall 2022, weather permitting. The project should be completed in approximately sixteen (16) months.

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, the City of Asheville website, and requiring prime contractors to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services.
- Stormwater staff also reached out to MWBE contractors that were identified through Yoruba Life, NCDOT HUB certified website, and The Color of Asheville directory.
- Past contractors who have shown interest in bidding on City of Asheville projects were informed about the project's advertisement.
- During preparation for advertising this contract, the contract was shared with the Business Inclusion Manager in the Community & Economic Development Department.
- Of the three (3) bids received, none self-identified as a MWBE business owner.
- All three (3) bidders indicated that they would be utilizing a MWBE sub-contractor.
- The lowest responsive, responsible bidder - TP Howard's Plumbing Company, Inc. - provided documentation on their outreach.
- The current Asheville Business Inclusion Committee approved the good-faith effort by the contractor on 8/5/2022.
- TP Howard's Plumbing Company, Inc. submitted documentation that they would use New Dimensions, which is a Black-owned striping business.

Council Goal(s):

- A Financially Resilient City
- A Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- Urban Forestry Commission
    - UFC suggestions were incorporated into plans.

Pro(s):

- The project will provide a properly designed drainage system and stormwater conveyance inside the right-of-way to help alleviate flooding and too much water on the roadway.
- Additionally, sidewalks and ramps will be replaced so they are ADA compliant, and trees will be updated for safety and tree health.
- The project will improve public safety in the neighborhood with new crosswalks and pedestrian routes.

Con(s):

- Construction may be somewhat disruptive to nearby businesses, service providers, residences, and travelers to downtown Asheville. Efforts will be made to notify residents and other stakeholders, and to minimize disruptions.
- Approximately two weeks of night work will be scheduled to limit impacts to traffic as the project installs a large stormwater pipe across Patton Avenue.

Fiscal Impact:

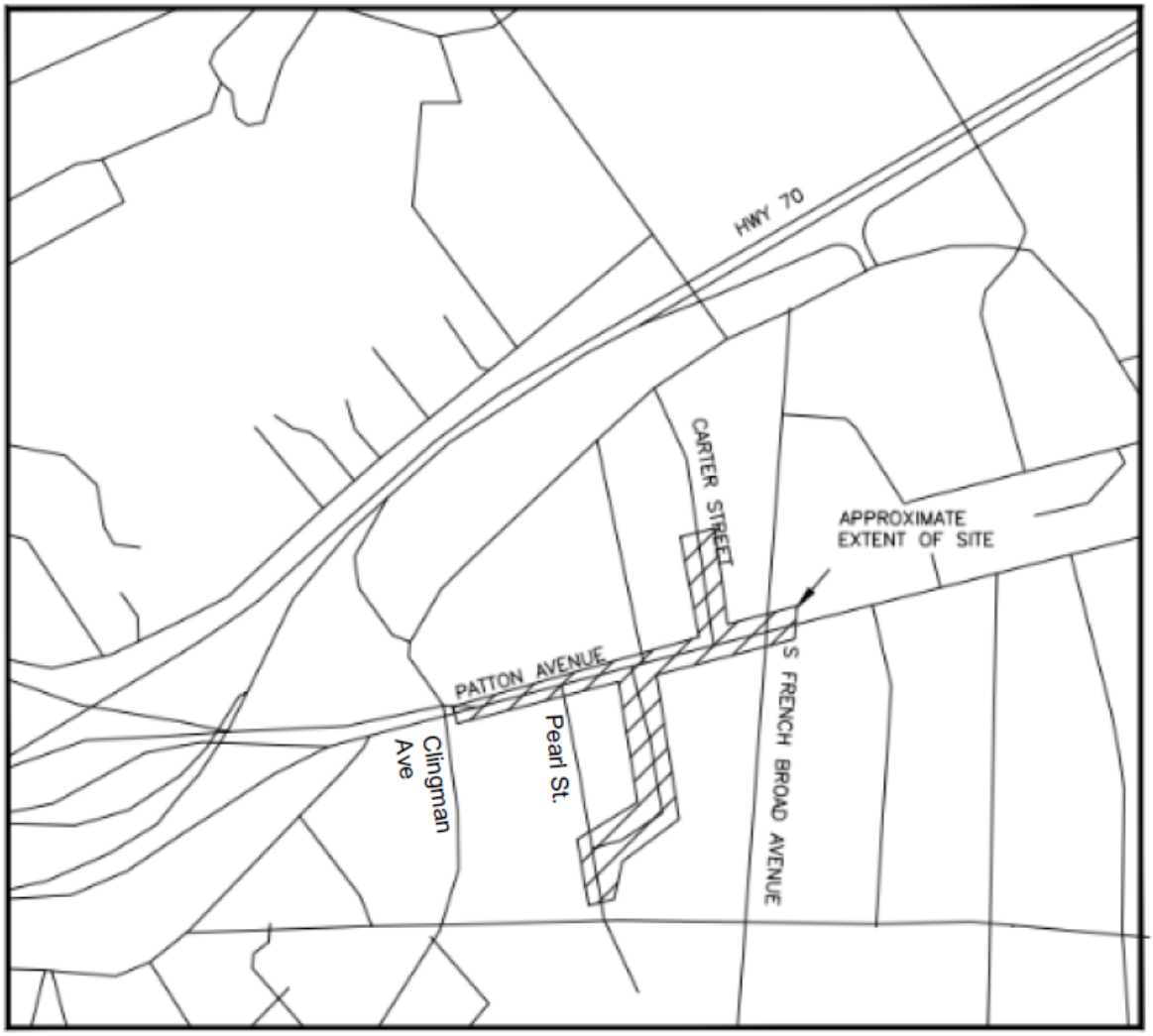
- Funding for this project is already budgeted in the Stormwater Capital Fund ($2,295,500.00). Funding for the paving portion of the project will come from savings from prior years' street resurfacing projects in the General Capital Projects Fund ($1,236,100.00).

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with TP Howard's Plumbing Company, Inc. in the amount of $2,943,000.00 and to enter into change orders to this contract, if needed, not to exceed a contingency amount of $588,600.00 (20%) for a total budget of $3,531,600.00 for the Carter Ann Stormwater Improvements Project.

Attachment(s):

- Vicinity Map
- Resolution



VICINITY MAP

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TP HOWARD'S PLUMBING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE CARTER ANN STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS 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, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-129, bids were solicited for the Carter Ann Stormwater Improvements Project, City of Asheville Project #SW-2015-002; and

WHEREAS, TP Howard's Plumbing Company, Inc. was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, TP Howard's Plumbing Company, Inc. shall provide all labor, materials and equipment for the stormwater improvements and all its associated items; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid is $2,943,000.00 and the monies have been budgeted in the Stormwater Capital Fund and the General Capital Projects Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Public Works Department and the City's Asheville Business Inclusion Office representative with all officers recommending approval of the bid;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Asheville a contract in the amount of $2,943,000.00 with TP Howard's Plumbing Company, Inc. and to enter into change orders to this contract, if needed, not to exceed a contingency amount of $588,600.00 (20%) for a total budget of $3,531,600.00 for the Carter Ann Stormwater Improvements Project.

Read, approved, and adopted on this the 23rd day of August, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney