THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE
STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: June 14, 2022

Subject: Airport Road Sidewalk Design, City of Asheville Project # X1808

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc. in the amount of $128,055.00, for the Airport Road Sidewalk Design project; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any contract amendments that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $12,805.50 (10%).

Background:

- The project includes installation of sidewalk, pedestrian signal crossings, wheelchair ramps, and bus pads along NC 280 Airport Road from US 25 Hendersonville Road to the southernmost entrance to Walmart. See attached map for location.
- The area identified for the project has large pedestrian use and there is no sidewalk available or gaps missing between sections.
- The area identified will improve mobility options and help to ensure that the City of Asheville remains compliant with current City standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on November 17, 2021.
- 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, Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), and Department of Transportation (DOT) Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) lists, and requiring prime contractors to reach out to service providers for subcontracted services.
- Design firms / Engineers that submitted included the following:
    - DRMP, Inc. (subconsultant GSC Geotechnical, is a Small Professional Service Firm (SPSF))
    - Mattern & Craig, Engineers & Surveyors
    - Parrish & Partners of North Carolina, PLLC (subconsultant New South Associates Cultural & Natural Resources, is SPSF)
    - SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc. (MWBE found on HUB)
    - TGS Engineers (subconsultant GSC Geotechnical, is SPSF)
    - Threadcraft Engineering, Inc. (MWBE found on City list)
    - Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers (subconsultant Froehling & Robertson Geotechnical, is MWBE)
    - Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. (subconsultant, Site Design Studios, is MWBE / subconsultant, Cole Surveying and Design, is SPSF)
- The highest-rated company, SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc. of Raleigh, NC with offices in Asheville, NC, is a MWBE.

Council Goal(s):

- A well-planned and livable community.

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Design of sidewalk that will meet City and National ADA standards.
- Improve mobility and safety on city streets.
- This action also aligns with the 2036 City Council Vision in that it will make “getting around Asheville easy” (Transportation and Accessibility).

Con(s):

- Construction will be disruptive to adjacent residences and businesses.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract is already included in the 2016 General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Program.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $128,055.00 to design the Airport Road Sidewalk project; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any contract amendments that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $12,805.50 (10%).

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Project Location Map

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DESIGN SERVICE CONTRACT WITH SEPI ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO DESIGN THE AIRPORT ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT

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, Bond Sidewalk Design City of Asheville Project # X1808; and

WHEREAS, SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc., of Raleigh, NC 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 SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc., of Raleigh, NC for $128,055.00 to design the Airport Road Sidewalk Project; and further authorized to execute any contract amendments that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $12,805.50 (10%).

Read, approved and adopted this the 14th day of June, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Airport Road Sidewalk Design - Project Location Map

