THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

Subject: Parks Mowing Contract

Staff Resource(s): D. Tyrell McGirt, Director, Parks and Recreation
Pete Wall, Focus Area Manager, Parks and Recreation

Action Requested: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Wilde Acre, INC., of Asheville, N.C. for mowing & maintenance of city parks.

Background:
- The Parks & Recreation Department maintains over 50 parks/greenway facilities, this contract will provide mowing service at 15 parks/greenway properties.
- Each year it has become increasingly difficult to recruit, hire and train qualified temporary seasonal workers.
- A Request for Proposals was advertised for interested companies to provide mowing services for (1) year with an option to renew for an additional (2) years.
- Wilde Acre, was selected based on experience, qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, and availability.
- The contractor will provide all labor, materials, and supplies for the operations and management for mowing services, ensuring the parks will be operated 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 were four (4) proposals were submitted including (1) minority and (1) woman owned business. The selected company is a Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) .
- The contractor was selected based on the qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, and availability.

Council Goal(s):
- A Well planned and Livable Community
- Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):
- None

Pro(s):
- Contracting with a professional landscape maintenance company will allow for consistent, efficient maintenance
- Reduces the seasonal hiring impacts on the Human Resources/Parks & Recreation Departments to recruit, hire and on-board temporary/seasonal employees.

Con(s):
- None

Fiscal Impact:
- Funding for this contract exists within the currently approved Parks & Recreation department operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Wilde Acre, Inc. for landscape installation and maintenance services for an annual amount not to exceed $190,000 with option to renew maintenance services for up to two (2) additional years for a total contract amount not to exceed $570,000.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22- _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR MOWING SERVICES IN CITY PARKS WITH WILDE ACRE, INC.

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, the Parks & Recreation Department issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for parks mowing at city parks; and

WHEREAS, Wilde Acre, INC. was selected based on the qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, and availability; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a contract with Wilde Acre, INC. for mowing services for one (1) year with the option to renew for two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the project aligns with the City Council 2036 Vision in the following way: It supports a well-planned and livable community and harmony with the natural environment through the investment in parks and open spaces;

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

The City Manager is authorized to execute a contract with Wilde Acre, INC., for landscape installation and maintenance services, for an annual amount not to exceed $190,000 with option to renew maintenance services for up to two (2) additional years, for a total contract amount not to exceed $570,000.

Read, approved and adopted this 8th day of March, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney