Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: September 28, 2021

Subject: French Broad River Greenway West Bank Construction Project

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with SEPI Engineering and Construction, Inc. in the amount of $398,619.04, for French Broad River Greenway West construction engineering and inspection services; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of 10% ($39,861.90) for a total required budget of $438,480.94.

Background:

- The French Broad River Greenway West will connect the French Broad River Park to the existing greenway that terminates at the Haywood Road Bridge.
- This will be a 1.02 mile paved greenway extension that further enhances the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure constructed with the RADTIP project.
- A 2018 Federal Grant will be paying for 80% of the construction and the construction engineering and inspection costs for this project through the NC Department of Transportation in the amount of $350,784.75 .
- The City of Asheville will cover the 20% remaining portion of this contract cost in the amount of $87,696.19.
- Construction schedule is currently underway and is anticipated to be complete in Summer, 2022.
- Nine professional engineering submittals were received and evaluated based on their qualifications, experience and technical approach.
- The evaluation of those submittals, ranked by a five member evaluation committee, resulted in SEPI Engineering and Construction of Raleigh, NC being the highest ranked firm.
- Negotiations with SEPI Engineering and Construction resulted in an agreed fee of $398,619.04.
- The North Carolina Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the negotiated fee as well as the draft agreement.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- With all Federally funded projects, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program is required for construction services, but not professional engineering services such as this agreement.
- The federally established DBE goal for this project is 5% participation for construction services.
- The previously approved construction contract for this project includes 5.36% DBE participation.
- Because this agreement with SEPI is for professional services, the DBE participation is not considered.
- However, SEPI is a woman owned business, so we will track this participation at the City of Asheville to count it towards the City's ABI participation.

Council Goal(s):

- A Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Federal funding will be covering 80% of these project related costs.
- This project will finish a one mile long gap between two older sections of the French Broad River Greenway creating a 4 mile stretch of continuous greenway along the river through four parks.
- It will also pave the 0.02 mile long dirt trail underneath the Amboy Road Bridge.

Con(s):

- The project construction area will cause a temporary disruption to individuals that are actively using the area.

Fiscal Impact:

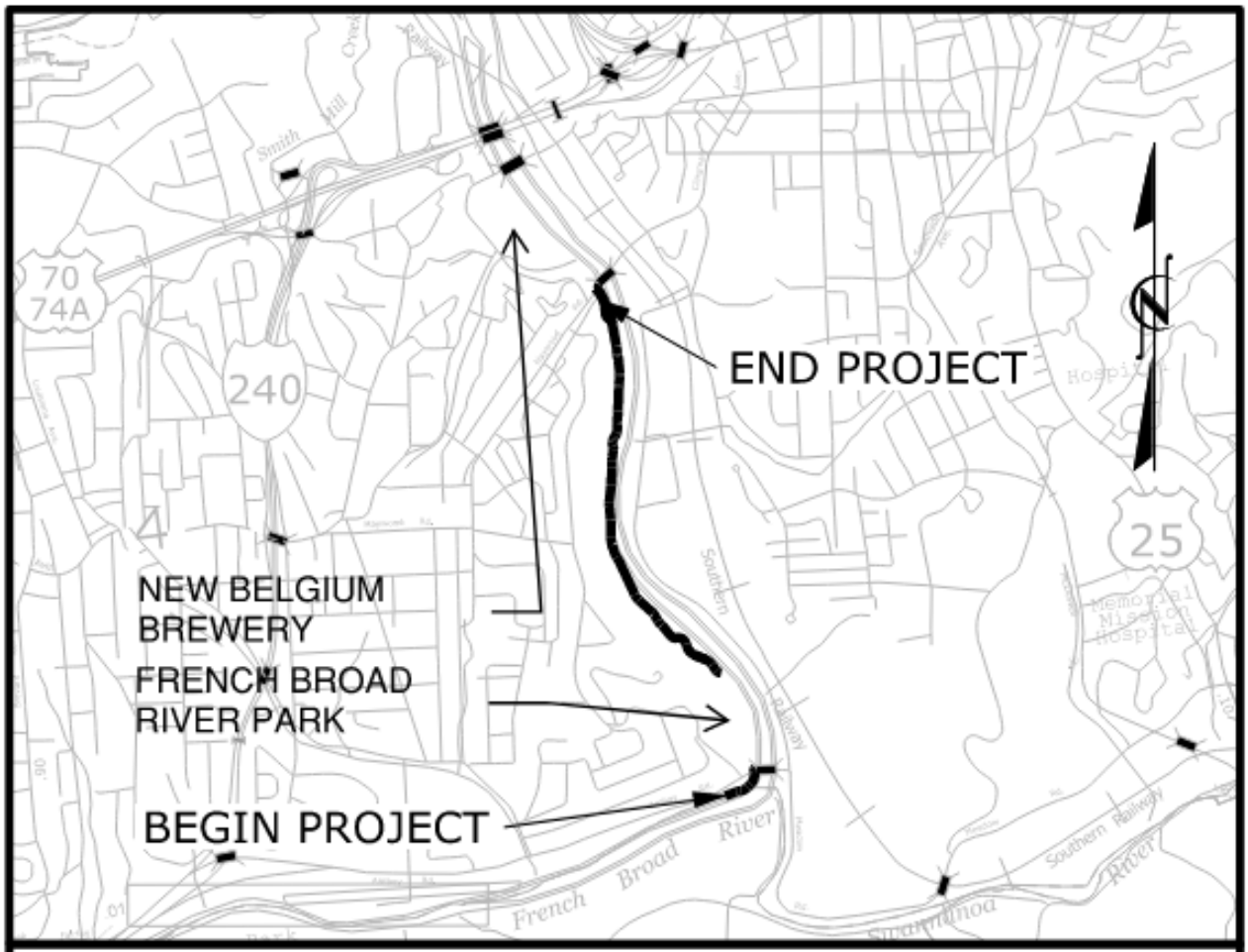
- Funding for this project will come from the previously approved existing CIP budget. The COA portion of this contract cost will be up to $87,696.19.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with SEPI Engineering and Construction, Inc. in the amount of $398,619.04, for French Broad River Greenway West construction engineering and inspection services; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of 10% ($39,861.90) for a total required budget of $438,480.94.

Attachment(s)

- Location Map
- Resolution



VICINITY MAP

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH IPC PAVING, LLC DBA IPC STRUCTURES, LLC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER GREENWAY WEST BANK.

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, qualifications were solicited for the French Broad River Greenway West Bank Construction Engineer and Inspection Services, NCDOT Project #U-5019B**;** and

WHEREAS, SEPI Engineering and Construction, Inc. was selected based on their demonstrated competence and qualification for this type of professional services; and

WHEREAS, SEPI Engineering and Construction, Inc. shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment for the engineering and inspection services of the French Broad River Greenway West Bank; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the agreement is $398,619.04, and funding for the project is allocated within the Capital Improvement Program Fund;

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 and Construction, Inc. in the amount of $398,619.04, for French Broad River Greenway West construction engineering and inspection services; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of 10% ($39,861.90).

Read, approved and adopted this the 28th day of September, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney