THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: August 24, 2021

Subject: Ratifying Paratransit Services Agreement with Buncombe County and approving an amendment to the agreement to increase funding.

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE, Transportation Department Director
Jessica Morriss, AICP, MPA, Assistant Transportation Department Director
Eunice Lovi, Transit Planning Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to ratify the Paratransit Services Agreement with Buncombe County and to amend the agreement to increase the contract amount to include $1.3 million in the agreement to pay for paratransit services to be rendered during Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

Background:

- On September 24, 2013, Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to contract with Buncombe County to provide paratransit services through Mountain Mobility.
- On August 25, 2020, Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to ratify, amend and increase the contract amount by $1.3 million to pay for invoices remaining in FY 2020 and pay for paratransit services rendered during FY 2021.
- Staff is requesting approval of a change order to include $1.3 million in the contract to pay for paratransit services to be rendered during FY 2022.
- The contract currently has a balance of $185,552.23 and will increase to $1,485,552.23 when the change order is processed in Munis,
- Funding for the contract is budgeted in the FY 2022 Transit Operations Budget.
- Per N.C. General Statute §160A-461, inter-local agreements must be ratified by the City Council.
- This action includes ratification of the original 2013 agreement, as well as the amendment to increase funding in the service contract for the provision of paratransit services for FY 2022.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Ensures sufficient funding is available to pay for services as required by the contractual agreement.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for the contract amount is included in the adopted Transit Services Fund budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to ratify the Paratransit Services Agreement with Buncombe County, amend the agreement to increase the contract amount by $1.3 million, and increase the current contract amount from $185,552.23 to $1,485,552.23 in the agreement to pay for paratransit services to be rendered in FY 2022.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 21 -_____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING PARATRANSIT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BUNCOMBE COUNTY AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO INCREASE FUNDING IN THE CURRENT CONTRACT.

_____WHEREAS, N.C.General Statute §160A-461 requires that inter-local agreements entered into by the City be ratified by the City Council; and _____

WHEREAS, the City entered into an agreement with Buncombe County to provide paratransit services through Mountain Mobility; and

WHEREAS, the City is required by the Federal Transit Administration to provide comparable paratransit service within the service area of the Asheville Rides Transit system pursuant of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration requires the City of Asheville to enter into a contract agreement incorporating all federal requirements agreed to by the City of Asheville in the master agreement with the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a lapse in service and to pay services rendered, it is necessary to execute an amendment to increase the amount of funding in the contract;

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

City Council authorizes the City Manager to ratify the Paratransit Services Agreement with Buncombe County and to amend the agreement to increase the contract amount by $1.3 million and to increase the current contract amount from $185,552.23 to $1,485,552.23 in the agreement to pay for paratransit services to be rendered in FY 2022.

Read, approved, and adopted this 24th day of August 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney