THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: November 9, 2021

Subject: Bond Traffic Calming 2021

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.L.S. Company LLC in the amount of $96,220.00, for the Traffic Calming project; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $9,622.00 (10%).

Background:

- Speeding and unnecessary through-traffic presents dangers that affect the quality of life in residential areas.
- In order to provide a safer environment, the City of Asheville seeks to provide traffic calming to neighborhoods that go through the process of requesting it.
- A 2000 Traffic Calming Policy approved by City Council established a protocol for responding to requests from residents for traffic calming installations.
- Bids were initially advertised on October 13, 2021. The City received and opened bids on October 27, 2021.
- Two bids were submitted, their name and bid amount is listed below:
    - French Broad Paving, Inc., Marshall, NC $114,000.00
    - J.L.S. Company LLC, Skyland, NC $ 96,220.00
- This bid was Informal, meaning it is acceptable to move forward with two bids.
- J.L.S. Company LLC was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

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 and requiring prime contractors to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services.
- J.L.S. Company LLC is a woman-owned business and has selected portions of the work to be performed by New Dimensions In Pavement Markings, Inc., another woman-owned business, as a subcontractor.

Council Goal(s):

- A well-planned and livable community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Installation of traffic calming devices (speed humps) typically reduce average speeds between humps by 20 to 25 percent.
- Traffic volume diversion is estimated around 20 percent.
- Average crash rates are reduced by an estimated 13 percent.

Con(s):

- There will be disruptions to traffic and the neighborhood during construction.

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 a contract with J.L.S. Company LLC in an amount not to exceed $105,842.00 to construct the 2021 Traffic Calming project.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Map of project for all projects

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J.L.S. COMPANY LLC FOR THE 2021 TRAFFIC CALMING 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. § 143-131, bids were solicited for the 2021 Traffic Calming project**;** and

WHEREAS, J.L.S. Company LLC of Skyland, NC was the lowest responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, J.L.S. Company LLC shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment for the installation of traffic calming devices to include asphalt speed humps and associated pavement markings; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid is $96,220.00, 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 J.L.S. Company LLC in the amount of $96,220.00, for the 2021 Traffic Calming project; further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $9,622.00 (10%).

Read, approved and adopted this the 9th day of November, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Bond Traffic Calming 2021 - Project Map

