THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: August 24, 2021

Subject: Sulphur Springs Road Stormwater Improvements

Staff Resource(s): Greg Shuler, Public Works Director; Russell Davis, Program Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Appalachian Sitework Inc. in the amount of $990,022.00 and to enter into change orders to this contract, if needed, not to exceed a contingency amount of $198.004.40 (20%) for a total budget of $1,188,026.40 for the Sulphur Springs Road Stormwater Improvements Project.

Background:

- The purpose of this project is to address significant drainage issues along Sulphur Springs Road that cause flooding in the roadway at the low point of the basin (the intersection with an unnamed tributary of Hominy Creek).
- This project will install a new drainage system that addresses the issues and provides a system that can be expanded with future projects along the contributing side streets.
- The minor culvert extension and associated stream stabilization at the inlet and outlet will address existing steep slopes at the roadway and provide a more sustainable stream bank that will not be as prone to erosion as the current situation.
- Approximately 2,100 linear feet of a new stormwater system will be installed inside the rights-of-way of Sulphur Springs Road, Covington Road, Clinton Road, and Belmont Avenue to improve drainage and reduce excessive stormwater on the roadway.
- Sulphur Springs Road will be paved following the Stormwater Project as part of Bond Resurfacing.
- The project was advertised on May 28, 2021 and re-advertised on July 8, 2021.
- A total of three contractors attended the non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on June 10, 2021.
- A formal bid opening occurred on July 29, 2021 at 3:00 pm.
- Four (4) bids were received:
    - Appalachian Sitework Inc. of Waynesville, NC for $990,022.00
    - T.P. Howard's Plumbing Co. Inc. of Fairview, NC for $1,410,000.00
    - Teraflex Group, LLC with a home office in Williston, ND and a local office in Waynesville, NC for $1,482,469.50
    - B H Graning, of Sylva, NC for $1,369,628.59
- The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was Appalachian Sitework Inc.
- Construction is anticipated to start at the end of September, weather permitting. The project should be completed in approximately eleven months.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- The City's Goal Setting Committee has set an annual aspirational goal for construction projects at 4.6% MBE participation, in alignment with the City's Business Inclusion Policy.
- Staff performed outreach to minority and women-owned businesses through solicitation processes which include posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System, the City of Asheville website, the City of Asheville Twitter account, and requiring prime contractors to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services.
- Stormwater staff also reached out to MWBE contractors that were identified through Yoruba Life, NCDOT HUB certified website, and The Color of Asheville directory.
- Past contractors who have shown interest in bidding on City of Asheville projects were informed about the project's advertisement.
- During preparation for advertising this contract, the contract was shared with the Business Inclusion Manager in the Community & Economic Development Department.
- Out of the four (4) bids received, none self-identified as a MWBE business owner.
- All four (4) bidders indicated that they would be utilizing a MWBE sub-contractor (three woman-owned, one Black American-owned).

- The lowest responsive, responsible bidder - Appalachian Sitework Inc - provided very thorough documentation on their outreach.
- ABI Manager, Rosanna Mulcahy, approved the good-faith effort by the contractor on August 2nd.
- Appalachian Sitework submitted documentation that they would use JLS Company, which is a WBE business, for paving.

Council Goal(s):
- A Financially Resilient City
- A Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):
- None

Pro(s):
- The Project will install a stormwater system to help alleviate flooding in the roadway, create more sustainable stream banks, and provide drainage improvements in the right-of-way.
- The Project will provide a properly designed drainage system and stormwater conveyance inside the right-of-way.
- The Project will improve public safety in the neighborhood, as well as reduce damage to infrastructure.

Con(s):
- Construction may be somewhat disruptive to nearby residences and the school.
- Efforts will be made to notify residents and other stakeholders, and to minimize disruptions.
- Outreach and coordination with Lucy S. Herring Elementary has already started.

Fiscal Impact:
- This project is funded with 2016 General Obligation (GO) Bond funds and Stormwater Capital Funds.
    - GO Bond contribution is $20,000.00 to replace existing stormwater infrastructure
    - Stormwater Capital Fund contribution is $1,168,026.40 to install new stormwater infrastructure
- Paving of side street sections of the project is funded by the Stormwater Capital Fund.

Suggested Motion:
- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Appalachian Sitework Inc. in the amount of $990,022.00 and to enter into change orders to this contract, if needed, not to exceed a contingency amount of $198.004.40 (20%) for a total budget of $1,188,026.40 for the Sulphur Springs Road Stormwater Improvements Project.

Attachment(s)
- Vicinity Map
- Resolution



VICINITY MAP

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH APPALACHIAN SITEWORK INC. FOR SULPHUR SPRINGS RD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-129, bids were solicited for the Sulphur Springs Road Stormwater Improvements Project, City of Asheville Project #SW-2015-009; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Sitework Inc. was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Sitework Inc shall provide all labor, materials and equipment for the stormwater improvements and all its associated items; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid is $990,022.00 and the monies have been budgeted in the Stormwater Capital Fund and General Obligation Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Public Works Department and the City's ABI Office representative with all officers recommending approval of the bid;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Asheville a contract in the amount of $990,022.00 with Appalachian Sitework Inc and to enter into change orders to this contract, if needed, not to exceed a contingency amount of $198.004.40 (20%) for a total budget of $1,188,026.40 for the Sulphur Springs Road Stormwater Improvements Project.

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

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney