THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

**Staff Report**

**Council Meeting Date:** March 23, 2021

**Subject:** Forest Hill / Caledonia - 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 Moore & Son Site Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $538,290 and to enter into change orders to this contract, if needed, not to exceed a contingency amount of $107,658 (20%) for a total budget of $645,948 for the Forest Hill / Caledonia - Stormwater Improvements Project.

**Background:**

- The purpose of this project is to make improvements to the stormwater system and roadway along portions of Forest Hill Drive and Caledonia Road.
- Caledonia Road is a bond resurfacing project and a continuation of the previous Caledonia Road Resurfacing project.
- The Forest Hill Drive section of the project is funded by the Stormwater Capital Fund and makes a critical connection between the Kenilworth Road stormwater system and the Caledonia Road stormwater system.
- Several new inlets will be added and new pipes installed inside the right-of-way of Forest Hill Drive (from Caledonia to Kenilworth Road) and the upper portion of Caledonia Road to improve drainage and reduce stormwater on the roadway.
- Concrete curb will also be installed to allow stormwater to be intercepted without causing erosion along the road edge.
- Road safety improvements include:
    - a modification of the intersection of Caledonia Road, just before Forest Hill Drive,
    - speed humps to slow traffic on either side of the stop sign, and
    - resurfacing the remaining section of Caledonia Road and Forest Hill Drive (from Caledonia to Kenilworth Road).
- This project is funded with 2016 General Obligation (GO) bond funds, Stormwater capital funds, and General capital funds.
    - GO bond contribution is $383,368.80
    - Stormwater Capital Fund contribution is $254,179.20
    - General Capital Fund contribution (speed humps only) is $8,400.
- The project was advertised on January 26, 2021.
- A total of five contractors attended the non-mandatory pre-bid meeting.
- The project had an original bid due date of February 18, 2021.
- Only two bids were received, therefore, a formal bid opening was not able to occur.
- The project was re-advertised on February 19, 2021, and a formal bid opening occurred on March 4, 2021 at 3:00 pm.
- The following three (3) bids were received on March 4, 2021 and reviewed:
    - Moore & Son Site Contractors, Inc. of Mills River, NC at $538,290
    - B.H. Graning Contracting, Inc. of Sylva, NC at $633,110.67, and
    - RPM Partners, Inc. of Kernersville, NC at $1,349,580.
- The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was Moore & Son Site Contractors, Inc.
- Construction is anticipated to start mid-April, weather permitting.
- The project should be completed in just over eight months.

**Vendor Outreach Efforts:**

- The City's Goal Setting Committee has set an annual aspirational goal for construction projects at 4.6% MWBE 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 three (3) bids received, one (1) bidder self-identified as a MWBE business owner and would be utilizing MWBE subcontractors.
- One (1) bidder indicated that they would be utilizing a MWBE sub-contractor.
- One (1) bidder indicated they would self-perform all work on the contract.
- The lowest responsive, responsible bidder indicated they would self-perform all the work on the contract.
- The Asheville Business Inclusion Office reviewed their bid submission and found the bid was compliant with the ABI Policy for a self-performing contractor.
- The two bidders that were utilizing MWBE subcontractors were not selected because their bid amounts were significantly higher than the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

**Council Goal(s):**

- A Financially Resilient City
- A Clean and Healthy Environment

**Committee(s):**

- None

**Pro(s):**

- The contract will replace an inadequate stormwater system and provide roadway improvements within the city right of way, including speed humps and realignment of an existing non-typical street intersection.
- The new stormwater system will improve roadway drainage and provide stormwater conveyance inside the right-of-way.
- The project will improve public safety in the neighborhood, as well as reduce liability to the City.

**Con(s):**

- Construction may be somewhat disruptive to nearby residences.
- Efforts will be made to notify the residents and minimize disruptions.

**Fiscal Impact**:

- Funding for this project is already budgeted in the General Capital Fund (2016 GO Bond Program) and the Stormwater Capital Fund.

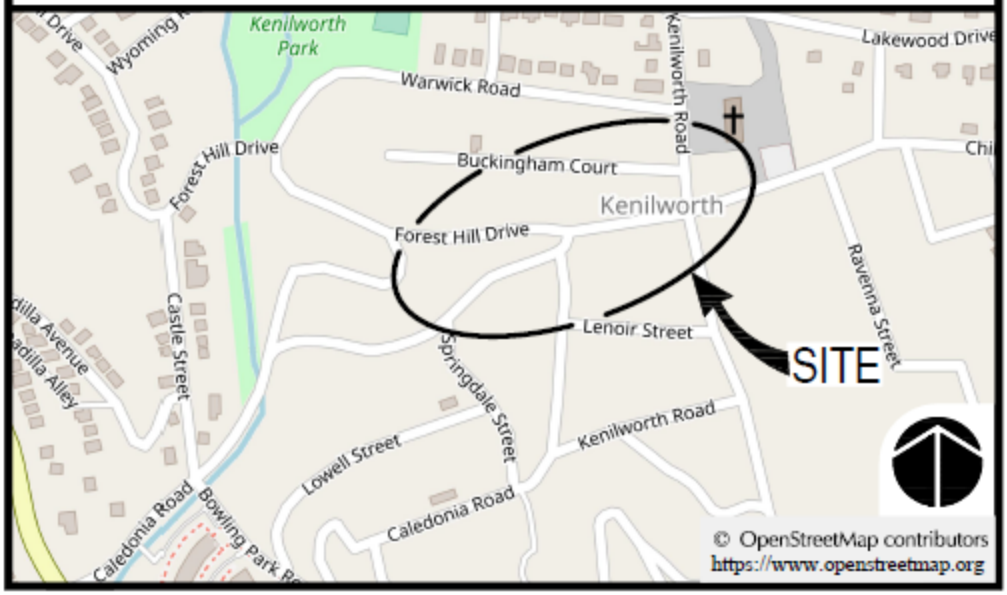
**Suggested Motion:**

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Moore & Son Site Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $538,290 and to enter into change orders to this contract, if needed, not to exceed a contingency amount of $107,658 (20%) for a total budget of $645,948 for the Forest Hill / Caledonia - Stormwater Improvements Project.

**Attachment(s):**

- Vicinity Map
- Resolution

# VICINITY MAP
# FOREST HILL DRIVE/CALEDONIA ROAD SITE
1"=500'(±)



RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MOORE & SON SITE CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR FOREST HILL / CALEDONIA - STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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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 Forest Hill / Caledonia - Stormwater Improvements Project, City of Asheville Project #SW-2018-003; and

WHEREAS, Moore & Son Site Contractors, Inc. was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Moore & Son Site Contractors, 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 $538,290 and the monies have been budgeted in the Stormwater Capital Fund and General Capital 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 $538,290 with Moore & Son Site Contractors, Inc. and to enter into change orders to this contract, if needed, not to exceed a contingency amount of $107,658 (20%) for a total budget of $645,948 for the Forest Hill/ Caledonia - Stormwater Improvements Project.

Read, approved, and adopted on this the 23rd day of March 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney