THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: October 27, 2020

Subject: Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center - Design Services Contract Amendment

Staff Resources: Roderick Simmons, Parks & Recreation Director; Jade Dundas, Capital Projects Director; Pete Wall, Capital Projects

Action Requested: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Clark Nexsen, of Asheville, North Carolina, for the project known as Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center.

Background:

- The Walton Street pool foundation is leaking and the mechanical system components had a major failure making the system inoperable and doubtful for next summer's operations.
- The 2017 Swimming Pool Assessment recommended the Walton Street Pool replacement as the highest priority of all the City pools.
- The professional consultant conclusion was that Walton Street Pool has seen its useful life and needs to be replaced.
- The report determined that renovation options are not practical.
- The available budget of $1.8 million will support the design and construction of a pool in conjunction with the construction of the Grant Center Expansion.
- Key stakeholders were contacted one-on-one earlier this month to inform them on
    - 1) the inoperable status of the current pool at Walton Street Park
    - 2) to share plans for the location of a new pool at the Grant Center property and
    - 3) intent to develop a community-supported planning process for future improvements that will create a unified community space at Walton Street Park
- Recognizing the historical significance of Walton Street Park and Pool to the African American Community for the past 82 years, starting in November 2020, the City will work with the Southside community to develop an inclusive Walton Street Park plan that preserves the history of the park and incorporates the historical significance of the park in the improvements.
- The Office of Equity & Inclusion, CAPE, and Parks & Recreation will work with the Southside community on the conceptual planning and design of Walton Street Park that will start in November with a community forum.
- Based on an RFQ in February 2018, a selection committee reviewed qualifications of eight firms and interviewed three firms in May 2018.
- The design team led by Clark Nexsen was unanimously selected as the most qualified for the scope of services required including pool design and engineering.
- A $170,000 amendment to the existing Clark Nexsen design contract (#9200196) is required to incorporate the design and engineering of the pool at the Grant Center.
- Grant Center Projected Timeline:

Design:	Present - February 2021
Bidding:	March 2021
Contracting:	April 2021
Groundbreaking/Construction:	May 2021 - August 2022

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.
- Two Women-Owned Firms submitted qualifications for consideration.
- The selected team will be utilizing one Women-Owned subconsultant.

Council Goal(s):

- A well-planned and livable community; Connected and Engaged Community, Smart City.

Committee(s):

- Recreation Advisory Board, September 9, 2019 - informational only

Pro(s):

- Allows design work to proceed on the project funded in the Capital budget to provide a community pool to serve the Southside community.
- Building the pool at the Grant Center will allow for a reduction in design fees, construction costs, and operational costs to the City.
- Facility improvements will be designed to increase equitable access to community and recreation services for current and future residents through a public community engagement process.
- Provides the City an opportunity to recognize the significant history of the Southside community.

Con(s):

- Will delay the bidding and construction start date for the project.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract amendment already exists within the currently approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Clark Nexsen for design services for Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center Project for an additional amount not to exceed $170,000.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 20- _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN CONTRACT WITH CLARK NEXSEN FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS DR. WESLEY GRANT SR. SOUTHSIDE CENTER

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, the City desires to amend a contract to Clark Nexsen for the design services for the Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-64.31, Clark Nexsen was chosen through a qualifications based selection process as the most qualified to perform the design services; and

WHEREAS, Clark Nexsen presented a revised scope of work and fee proposal for professional services associated with the Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center project; and

WHEREAS, the project aligns with the City Council 2036 Vision in the following ways: (1) It supports a smart city by maintaining and investing in the City's infrastructure; and (2) it supports a well-planned and livable community through the investment in parks and open-spaces;

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 amendment with Clark Nexsen to provide design services for Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center for an amount not to exceed $170,000.

Read, approved, and adopted this 27th day of October,2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney