THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: September 8, 2020

Subject: Public Portable Toilet/Handwashing Services Contract

Staff Resource(s): Sam Powers, Community & Economic Development Director
Jon Fillman, Community Event Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended services contract with FusionSite Asheville, LLC, (hereinafter referred to as "Griffin Waste Services") in the amount of $154,000 for rental and maintenance of portable toilets and handwashing stations for public use.

Background:

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting closure of public and private buildings in March 2020, portable restrooms and handwashing stations were deployed for public use as an emergency response as recommended by the City-County Emergency Operations Center and City Manager's Office.
- Griffin Waste Services in Asheville was an existing provider of services to City facilities prior to the pandemic and the only contractor identified in the region with the capacity to fulfill the services required.
- Portable restrooms and handwashing stations were installed at the following locations:
    - ART Station, Coxe Ave.
    - Pritchard Park, College St.
    - Pack Square Park, S. Market St.
    - City Hall *(no handwashing station - hand sanitizer only)*
    - Wall Street
    - Haywood Street Congregation, 298 Haywood St.
    - A-Hope / Homeward Bound, 19 N. Ann St.
    - ABCCM Medical Ministry, 155 Livingston St.
    - ABCCM, Cumberland Ave.
    - 12 Baskets, 610 Haywood Rd.
- As authorized by the City Manager, a contract was established with Griffin Waste Services in June 2020 for an amount not to exceed $89,000 for rental, routine cleaning, and daily maintenance of the units.
- The contract is projected to reach $89,000 by the end of September. However, the need for portable restrooms and handwashing stations is expected to continue until the COVID-19 emergency declaration is canceled.
- An amended contract with Griffin Waste Services to increase the total by $65,000, from $89,000 to $154,000, will allow the vendor to perform the work through December 2020.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- At the start of the pandemic, staff searched for all providers throughout Western North Carolina, Greensboro, NC, Charlotte, NC, and Greenville-Spartanburg, SC, and engaged in a search for national providers including options to lease or purchase equipment. Griffin Waste Services, recently merged with Able Rent-a-Jon, was the only local vendor with available capacity. Griffin Waste Services is not a minority or women-owned vendor and staff has not found any MWBE providers in the area through the North Carolina HUB directory or City database.

Council Goal(s):

- A well-planned and livable community
- A clean and healthy environment
- Emergency Response

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Supports basic public health needs during a Pandemic
- Costs are eligible for reimbursement from FEMA or COVID Relief Funding

Con(s):

- Some business owners have been unhappy with the location of the facilities.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for the portable toilets and handwashing stations contract is coming from grant dollars that the City has received from Buncombe County as part of the State's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).

Suggested Motion:

- Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended services contract with Griffin Waste Services in the amount of $154,000 for rental and maintenance of portable toilets and handwashing stations for public use.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- GIS Map of Unit Locations

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GRIFFIN WASTE FOR PORTABLE TOILET AND HAND WASHING STATION RENTAL AND MAINTENANCE

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, the City of Asheville requires portable restrooms and handwashing stations for public use as an emergency health response during the COVID-19 pandemic**;** and

WHEREAS, Griffin Waste Services was the only vendor identified to carry out the required scope of work; and

WHEREAS, Griffin Waste Services shall provide all labor, materials, and supplies for the scope of work; and

WHEREAS, the amount estimated to fund the scope of work through December 2020 is $154,000, and funding for the contract is coming from the State's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF);

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 Griffin Waste Services in the amount of $154,000, for continued rental and maintenance of portable toilets and handwashing stations.

Read, approved and adopted this the 8th day of September 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney