THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: September 22, 2020

Subject: Synergy Sports Charlotte LLC, playground mulch contract for Asheville Parks and Recreation

Staff Resource(s): Roderick Simmons, Department Director
Allison Dains, Program and Operations Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Synergy Sports Charlotte, LLC for the purchase and installation of playground mulch in the amount of $132,930.00 and to further authorize change orders up to the contingency amount of $13,293 (10%) for playground mulch and installation.

Background:

- Bid packet for Playground Mulch and Installation went out and closed on Thursday, June 4, 2020.
- This contract will provide bi-annual safety applications for playground mulch at 10 playground sites across the City for FY 21. The following locations are included:
    - Carrier Park Playground
    - Jake Rusher Park Playground
    - Kenilworth Playground
    - Malvern Hills Playground
    - Murphy Oakley Playground
    - Recreation Park Playground
    - Stephens-Lee Center Playground
    - Linwood Crump Shiloh Playground
    - Walton Street Playground
    - Weaver Playground
- Companies responding were:
    - Synergy Sports Charlotte LLC, Charlotte, NC - Bid $132,900
    - On Point, Etowah, NC - Bid $138,596.50
    - Bliss Products and Services, Lithia Springs, GA - Bid $157,500
    - Mulch Solutions, LLC, Indian Trail, NC - Bid $151,200
    - BH Graning Landscapes, Inc., Sylva, NC - Bid $164,776.50
    - Natural Choice Contracting, West Youngsville, NC - Bid $ $151,200
    - Power Mulch Inc, Smithfield, NC - Bid $143,073
    - Cason Companies Inc, East Flat Rock, NC - Bid $141,750
- Following review of bids by City staff, Synergy Sports Charlotte LLC was selected as the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach to minority and women owned business enterprises (MWBE) through solicitation processes which include posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System, targeted outreach with the City's Business Inclusion Manager. One Women Owned Business submitted a bid, but was not the lowest bid.

Council Goal(s):

- A Well-Planned and Liveable Community

Pro(s):

- Ensures compliance with playground safety standards for mulch.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this purchase has been previously approved and is available for expenditure in the Asset Management Contracted Services line item.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Synergy Sports Charlotte, LLC in the amount of $132,930.00 and to further authorize change orders up to the contingency amount of $13,293 (10%) for playground mulch and installation.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 20-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SYNERGY SPORTS CHARLOTTE LLC FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND MULCH.

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 143-129 details procedures for the letting of public contracts; and

WHEREAS, Synergy Sports Charlotte LLC has been identified as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder for the purchase and installation of playground mulch; and

WHEREAS, funds from the previously approved 2021 Asset Management Contracted Services are available for the procurement and installation of mulch at playgrounds.

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

The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with Synergy Sports Charlotte, LLC in the amount of $132,930.00, and further authorizes change orders up to the contingency amount of $13,293 (10%) for playground mulch and installation.

Read, approved and adopted this the 22th day of September 2020.

City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney