THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

**Staff Report**

**Council Meeting Date:** February 25, 2020

**Subject:** Elsie's Bridge Greenway Connector Construction Project

**Staff Resource(s):** Jade Dundas, Capital Projects Department Director
Lora Sepion, Capital Projects Project Manager

**Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Austin Construction and Grading Company in the amount of $108,759.08, to construct the Elsie's Bridge Greenway Connector project.

**Background**:

- This project re-purposes a former road bridge to connect Depot Street to Ralph Street. The project includes construction of concrete trail path to include grading and erosion control, construction of concrete curb ramp and incidental concrete sidewalk, and refurbishment of bridge surface and installation of handrail.
- Development of this facility will enable the neighborhood to connect to the future Town Branch Greenway.
- Plans provide for a community garden on the corner of the City-owned property.
- Expected construction duration is 90 days.

**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.
- A MWBE, Asheville Fence (Asheville Contracting Company Inc.) of Candler, NC, is a named subcontractor for this project..

**Council Goal(s):**

- An equitable and diverse community
- A well-planned and livable community
- A clean and healthy environment

**Committee(s)**:

- None

**Pro(s):**

- Development of this facility will enable the neighborhood to connect to the future Town Branch Greenway.
- Plans provide for a community garden on the corner of the City-owned property.

**Con(s):**

- None

**Fiscal Impact**:

- Funding for this contract is already included in the 2016 General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Program.

**Suggested Motion:**

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Austin Construction and Grading Company in an amount not to exceed $108,759.08 to construct Elsie's Bridge Greenway Connector Project.

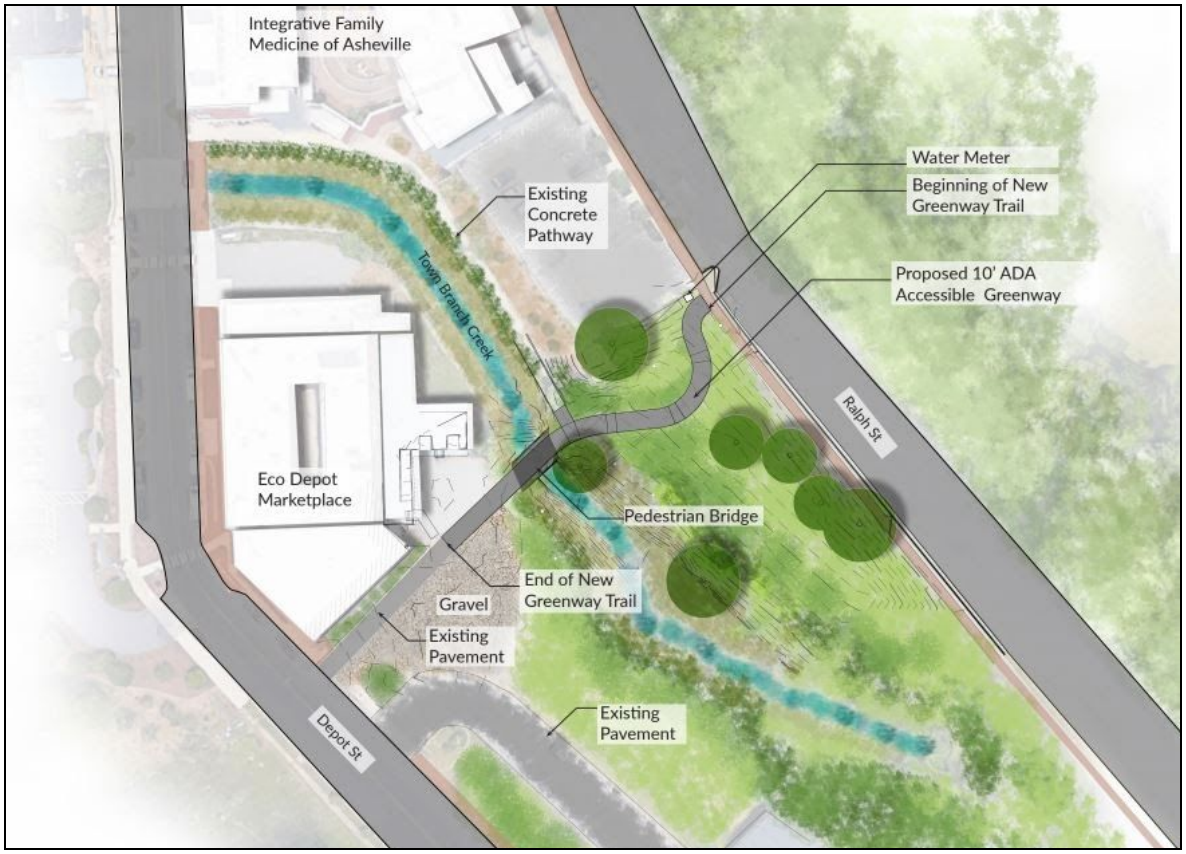
**Attachment(s)**

- Resolution
- Project Location Map

**Project Location Map**




**Concept Plan**



RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AUSTIN CONSTRUCTION AND GRADING COMPANY FOR THE ELSIE'S BRIDGE GREENWAY CONNECTOR PROJECT

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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, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-131, bids were solicited for the Elsie's Bridge Greenway Connector project, City of Asheville Project #1822**;** and

WHEREAS, the Austin Construction and Grading Company of Horse Shoe, NC was the lowest responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Construction and Grading Company shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment for the construction of Elsie's Bridge Greenway Connector project; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid is $108,759.08, and funding for the project is allocated within the 2016 General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Program;

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 with Austin Construction and Grading Company in the amount of $108,759.08, for the Elsie's Bridge Greenway Connector project.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 25th day of February, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney