THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 9, 2020

Subject: Swannanoa River Greenway, Phase Two: Design and Construction Documents

Staff Resource(s): Jade Dundas, Capital Projects Director

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the existing greenway design contract between the City of Asheville and Equinox Environmental Consultation and Design, Inc. (Equinox, contract #91900109), in the amount of $454,811.20 increasing the total value of the contract to $612,449.30 and to enter into change orders to this contract not to exceed an additional 10% of the current contract amount or $45,481.12.

Background:

- The City of Asheville entered into a contract with Equinox in July 2018 for a feasibility analysis of potential greenway routes within the Swannanoa River area.
- The September 2019 feasibility analysis determined that coordination with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) on NCDOT's work within the area would result in the best value for the City's project.
- The scope of work for the contract amendment includes surveys, greenway design, geotechnical engineering, permitting, public engagement, and other tasks needed for greenway design.
- During March and April 2020, Equinox assembled a design team and estimated that the design and construction document creation would cost $454,811.20.
- The referenced segment of this greenway will connect new housing along Thompson St to recreation and shopping facilities.
- This segment is part of a much larger Wilma Dykeman Riverway Corridor system. In total the Wilma Dykeman Riverway will provide nearly 10 miles of greenway. Between this segment and the segment in the RiverArts District nearly 3.5 miles of this greenway will be built by 2021
- Additional phases are contingent upon future funding and coordination with the NCDOT.
- The design to construction contract process is estimated to have an 18-month duration. Assuming a July 1, 2020 design phase start date, the construction contract advertisement is projected to start in December 2021.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach through solicitation processes using the State's Interactive Purchasing System and requesting prime contractors to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services. No MWBE service providers are being used in the delivery of this contract. Equinox was unable to find local MWBE businesses for the services needed on this project, but is committed to using MWBE participation as needed and available for other services going forward.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and accessibility.

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Greenway construction would enhance multi-modal transportation within the area and provide alternatives to commuters
- Contributes to increasing the City's greenway inventory
- Works towards defining Asheville as a recreation destination

Con(s)

- Eventual construction will be disruptive to the area.

Fiscal Impact:

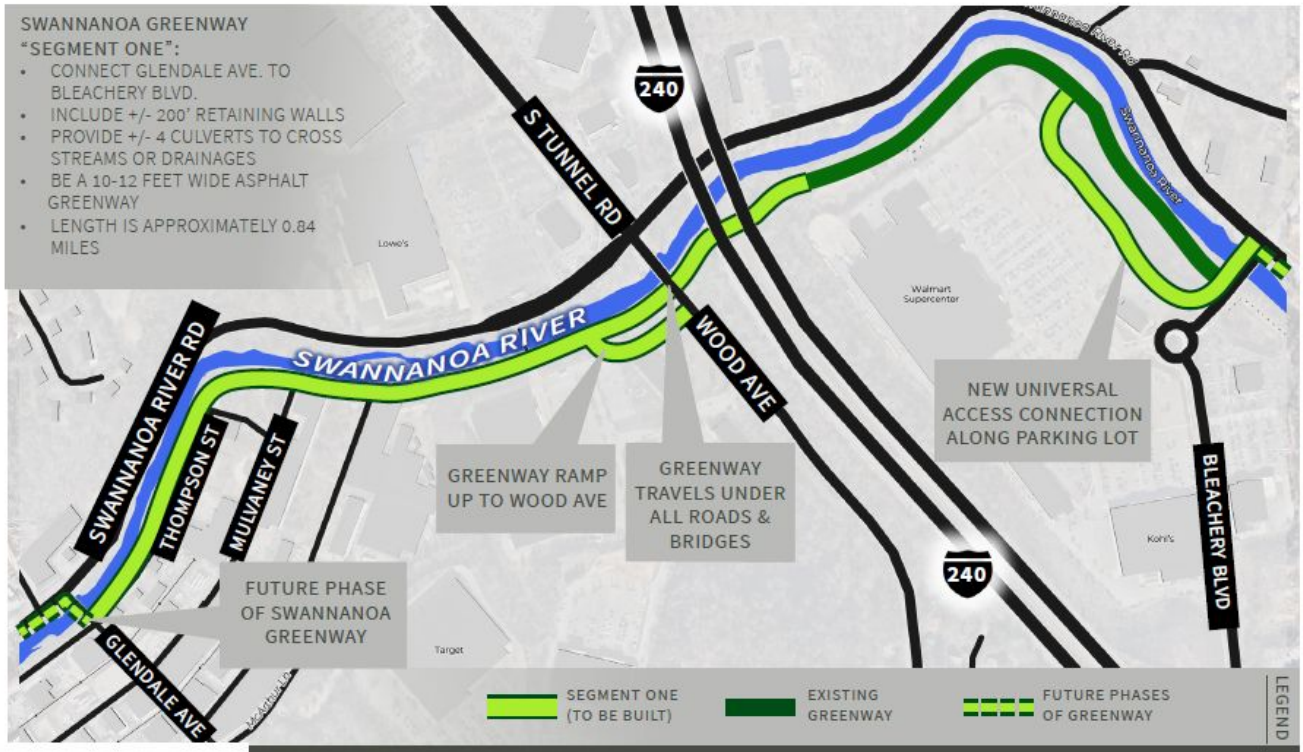
- With this supplemental increase of $454,811.20, the total amount of the contract is increased to $612,449.30. Adding in a 10% contingency of $45,481.12 to the supplemental increase brings the total required budget to $657,930.42. This contract is funded through the General Obligation Bond Program as part of the Transportation and Infrastructure Program.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the existing greenway design contract between the City of Asheville and Equinox Environmental Consultation and Design, Inc., in the amount of $454,811.20 increasing the total value of the contract to $612,449.30 and to enter into change orders to this contract not to exceed an additional 10% of the current contract amount or $45,481.12.

Attachment(s)

- Map of project
- Resolution



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The Swannanoa Greenway

SEGMENT ONE OF THE PROPOSED SWANNANOA GREENWAY

EQUINOX

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING SWANNANOA RIVER GREENWAY PHASE ONE: PRELIMINARY CORRIDOR DESIGN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE AND EQUINOX ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION AND DESIGN, INC.

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 contracted with Equinox Environmental Consultation and Design, Inc. in the amount of $147,638.10 during August 2018 to provide preliminary design and feasibility services to the City of Asheville's Swannanoa River Greenway project; and

WHEREAS, final design and construction documents are needed for greenway construction to occur; and

WHEREAS, Equinox Environmental Consultation and Design, Inc. shall provide all labor, materials and equipment necessary to perform the design activities outlined in the approved documents for the Swannanoa River Greenway Phase Two: Design and Construction Documents;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the existing greenway design contract between the City of Asheville and Equinox Environmental Consultation and Design, Inc., in the amount of $454,811.20 increasing the total value of the contract to $612,449.30 and to enter into change orders to this contract not to exceed an additional 10% of the current contract amount or $45,481.12.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 9th day of June 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney