THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: February 11, 2020

Subject: Jake Rusher Park Improvements

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Carolina Specialties Construction, LLC in the amount of $975,274, for the Jake Rusher Park Improvements project and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of 10% ($97,527.40).

Background:

- Jake Rusher Park has been identified to receive improvements in the approved GO Bond package. The neighborhood has provided input at several public meetings and the park is designed for the most desired amenities: restrooms, parking, and sports courts.
- Bids were advertised on December 19, 2019. The pre-bid meeting was held on January 7, 2020.
- The following four bids were received and formally opened on January 23, 2020:
    - Carolina Specialties Construction, Hendersonville NC $828,157 base bid - $975,274 with all alternates.
    - J. Bartholomew Construction, Hendersonville NC, $859,500 base bid - $990,500 with all alternates.
    - Patton Construction, Asheville NC, $890,570 base bid - $1,126,870 with all alternates.
    - Sossamon Construction, Gaffney SC, $1,001,123 base bid - $1,168,710 with all alternates.
- Alternates included 1) replacing existing deteriorating storm drainage; 2) providing one year maintenance for trees and shrubs; and 3) adding sports courts with fencing, furnishings, and goals; and 3) sidewalks to the courts.
- Carolina Specialties Construction was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The construction work will include all of the alternates and is estimated to take six to seven months.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach to minority and women-owned business 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. The low bidder is not a MWBE, but will be contracting with three MWBE subcontractors.

Council Goal(s):

- A well - planned and livable community.

Committee(s):

- A project update was given to the Recreation Advisory Board on January 13, 2020.

Pro(s):

- Provide needed park improvements for this South Asheville park.
- All bid alternates can be built with this bid.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract is included in the approved GO Bond Capital budget and annual Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements Program budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Carolina Specialties Construction, LLC., in the amount of $975,274 for the Jake Rusher Park Improvements project and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the 10% contingency amount of $97,527.40.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAROLINA SPECIALTIES CONSTRUCTION, LLC., FOR THE JAKE RUSHER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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. § 143-129, bids were solicited for the Jake Rusher Improvements Project, City of Asheville Project # 298-X1706**;** and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Specialties Construction, LLC of Hendersonville, NC was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid is $975,274, and funding for the project is allocated within the GO Bond Program Fund and Parks and Recreation CIP budget;

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 Carolina Specialties Construction, LLC in the amount of $975,274, for the Jake Rusher Improvements project; further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the 10% construction contingency amount of $97,527.40.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 11th day of February 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney