THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: August 25, 2020

Subject: Fulton Street Sidewalk Construction Contract

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bartholomew Construction of Hendersonville North Carolina in the amount of $435,723.18 for the construction of the Fulton Street sidewalk project and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $43,900 (10%).

Background:

- The City of Asheville passed a General Obligation Bond in 2016 and within this Bond, money was budgeted to construct new sidewalks.
- Fulton Street was identified as one of the sidewalks for construction as part of the bond referendum.
- The design, engineering, and public engagement continued through the Fall of 2019.
- Bids for construction were advertised on May 29, 2020 with the original bid opening scheduled for June 19th. Due to addressing contractors questions an addendum was issued and the bid deadline was extended an additional ten days.
- There were six bids received on June 30th. The contractor names and bid amounts are listed below:
    - Appalachian Paving (Asheville, NC) $624,325
    - Bartholomew Construction (Hendersonville, NC) $593,751.18
    - Graham county land company (Robbinsville,NC) $864,750
    - Moore and Son construction (Hendersonville, NC) $810,000
    - Patton Construction (Asheville,NC) $741,145
    - Thomas Construction (Johnson city, TN) $1,060,250
- Bartholomew Construction of Hendersonville North Carolina was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; however the low bid exceeded the budget for the project so the City entered into negotiations with the lowest responsible bidder on July 6, 2020.
- Those negotiations resulted in a revised total contract price of $435,723.18.
- The construction will start by the middle of September. The contractor has 120 days to perform the work. The work is scheduled to be complete by the middle of January 2021.

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. Three percent of the total dollar amount of this contract will be performed through a certified MWBE. Hemphill Concrete from Pisgah Forest, NC is the certified MWBE subcontractors on this project.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and accessibility,
- A well planned and livable community.

Committee(s):

- None.

Pro(s):

- Project works towards fulfillment of the General Obligation Bond.
- Will fill in sections of missing sidewalk that add to pedestrian safety.
- Project scope remains the same even though bid price was lowered to complete the project.

Con(s):

- Possible reduced levels of service for automobiles during the day while being constructed.
- Staff time will be used to administer the project until its completion.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for the Fulton Streets Improvements project is included in the General Obligation Bond Program.

Suggested Motion:

- Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract withBartholomew Construction of Hendersonville North Carolina in the amount of $435,723.18 for the construction of the Fulton Street sidewalk project and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $43,900 (10%).

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Map

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARTHOLOMEW CONSTRUCTION OF HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FULTON STREET SIDEWALK 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 Fulton Street sidewalk project, City of Asheville Project #X-1903**;** and

WHEREAS, Bartholomew Construction of Hendersonville North Carolina was the lowest responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Bartholomew Construction of Hendersonville North Carolina shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment for the project; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid is $435,723.18 and funding for the project is allocated within the Transportation Bond project Fund;

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 Bartholomew Construction of Hendersonville North Carolina in the amount of $435,723.18 for the Fulton Street sidewalk project; further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $43,900.

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

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Fulton Street

