THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: August 25, 2020

Subject: Ratifying Paratransit Services Agreement with Buncombe County and approving an amendment to the agreement to increase funding.

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE, Transportation Department Director
Jessica Morriss, AICP, MPA, Assistant Transportation Department Director
Eunice Lovi, Transit Planning Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to ratify the Paratransit Services Agreement with Buncombe County and to amend the agreement to increase the contract amount by $14,002.46 for services provided in FY 2020 and to include $1.3 million in the agreement to pay for paratransit services to be rendered in FY 2021.

Background:

- On September 24, 2013, Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to contract with Buncombe County to provide paratransit services through Mountain Mobility.
- The original budget for paratransit services for FY 2020 was $735,000. An additional contract amount of $14,002.46 is needed to pay remaining invoices from FY 2020.
- Staff is also requesting approval of a change order to include $1.3 million in the contract to pay for paratransit services to be rendered in FY 2021.
- Per N.C. General Statute §160A-461, inter-local agreements must be ratified by the City Council.
- This action includes ratification of the original 2013 agreement, as well as the amendment to increase funding in the service contract for the provision of paratransit services for FY 2020 and FY 2021.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Ensures sufficient funding is available to pay for services as required by contractual agreement.
- Assures the City is able to pay for services rendered for the months of April, May and June 2020, and for FY 2021.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for the contracts amount is included in the adopted Transit Services Fund budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to ratify the Paratransit Services Agreement with Buncombe County and to amend the agreement to increase the contract amount by $14,002.46 for services provided in FY 2020 and to include $1.3 million in the agreement to pay for paratransit services to be rendered in FY 2021.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 20 -_____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING PARATRANSIT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BUNCOMBE COUNTY AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO INCREASE FUNDING IN THE CURRENT CONTRACT

WHEREAS, N.C.General Statute §160A-461 requires that inter-local agreements entered into by the City be ratified by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into an agreement with Buncombe County to provide paratransit services through Mountain Mobility; and

WHEREAS, the City is required by the Federal Transit Administration to provide comparable paratransit service within the service area of the Asheville Rides Transit system pursuant of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration requires the City of Asheville to enter into a contract agreement incorporating all federal requirements agreed to by the City of Asheville in the master agreement with the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid lapse in service and to pay services rendered, it is necessary to execute an amendment to increase the amount of funds in the contract;

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

City Council authorizes the City Manager to ratify the Paratransit Services Agreement with Buncombe County and to amend the agreement to increase the contract amount by $14,002.46 for FY 2020 paratransit services and to include $1.3 million in the agreement to pay for paratransit services to be rendered in FY 2021.

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

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney