City of Asheville Staff Report

City Council Meeting Date: June 9, 2026

Staff Resources: Walter Ear, Capital Management Director

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, CT, P.C., for right of way acquisition services on the Coxe Avenue streetscape project.

Background:

- In order to build the Coxe Avenue streetscape project, the City must acquire right of way easements.
- The Coxe Avenue streetscape project construction is primarily funded through a federal transportation improvement grant and administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).
- NCDOT follows the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA), required for federally funded projects, to acquire right of way; including permanent easements and temporary construction easements.
- All easements must be acquired before NCDOT will grant construction authorization.
    - Construction authorization occurs after design and right-of way phases are complete.
    - Construction authorization is required before advertising for bids.

Vendor Outreach:

- Staff performed outreach through solicitation processes which included posting on the State's Electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) and Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) platform. Colliers Engineering & Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Surveying, CT P.C. from Charlotte, North Carolina was selected in accordance with state and local procurement procedures.

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- A Thriving Local Economy
- A Clean and Healthy Environment

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- Infrastructure and Environment

Committee(s):

N/A, easement acquisition is required for and part of the broader Coxe Avenue streetscape project.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding for this contract was previously budgeted and is available in the General Capital Projects Fund.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a general services contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Surveying, CT, P.C. for right of way acquisition services for the Coxe Avenue streetscape project in the amount of $278,350; and further authorized to execute any contract amendments that may arise during the acquisition process up to the contingency amount of $41,000.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Map of Area

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a general services contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Surveying, CT P.C. for right of way acquisition services on Coxe Avenue

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, Colliers Engineering & Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Surveying CT P.C. was selected as the most qualified easement acquisition firm responding to the request for proposals; and

Whereas, the project involves right of way easement acquisition services which includes title reports, claim reports, appraisal services, closings and recordings;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Asheville that:

The City Manager is authorized to execute a general services contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Surveying, CT P.C., for right of way acquisition services for the Coxe Avenue streetscape project in the amount of $278,350; and further authorized to execute any contract amendments that may arise during the acquisition process up to the contingency amount of $41,000.

Read, approved and adopted this 9th day of June, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk

Map of the Area

