



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of April 25, 2023

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**Bond 2022 Program Mass Selection of Design Consultants
Proposition A – Streets Projects**

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of 13 professional services contracts for Civil Engineering Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$14,938,000.00 with the ten top scoring engineering consultants for the Bond 2022 Streets projects, located Citywide, with funding available from the Streets Bond 2022 Fund.

SUMMARY:

This item is to approve the mass selection of engineering design consultants for the Bond 2022 Streets projects and authorize staff to negotiate and execute contracts up to a cumulative maximum amount. A total of 13 professional services contracts will be executed. Staff recommends the selection of the top ten firms to receive design contracts.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On November 8, 2022, voters approved the City of Corpus Christi's Bond 2022 Program for a total of \$125 million with thirty-two projects. The propositions passed on election day include projects for streets, parks and recreation, public safety, and library improvements.

Proposition A – Streets projects includes a total of fifteen projects with an estimated cost of \$92.5 million. The streets projects are located Citywide. The estimated cost of \$92.5 million includes designing, constructing new streets or rehabilitating existing streets, sidewalks, and any related surface improvements. The Utilities costs have historically averaged approximately the same value as the surface improvements. General Obligation bonds are used to fund the underground

improvements. The overall estimated total construction cost for the Bond 2022 streets projects is estimated to be \$185M. Out of the fifteen projects, 13 projects require professional services. The remaining 2 projects (Yorktown Road Boulevard and the Beach Access Road 3) are budgeted for construction only since the design was funded on Bond 2020.

This item will grant staff the ability to negotiate and execute professional services contracts with ten design consultants for the 13 Bond 2022 streets projects with a total amount not to exceed of \$14,938,000.00. The estimate of \$14,938,000.00 is based on an approximation of 8-9 percent of the estimated construction cost for a design fee budget. Since there are some projects funded for design only, the overall design budget is higher than 8-9 percent of the total Bond 2022 construction budget.

Traditionally, Engineering Services has presented the Council with individual design contracts for each project. This has created a large volume of agenda activity and delayed program execution on past Bond programs. On Bond 2020, Proposition A – Streets Projects, the City followed a similar mass selection process for the engineering contracts. That expedited the execution of the Bond 2020 street program with 90% of the projects having design completed.

Staff is seeking this mass approval of the street design contracts to expedite the execution of the Bond 2022 Program. The subsequent construction contracts for these projects will be competitively bid on and presented to the council for action as individual action items.

Upon the passage of this item, all projects will proceed to scoping, negotiation and contracting. Some projects should start design as early as June 2023. All Bond 2022 street projects should enter the design phase by September 2023.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS:

On October 17, 2022, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Qualifications for the engineering services with the RFQ Number 4413 for Professional Engineering and Testing Services for FY2023 and Bond 2022. The city received a total of 18 Statements of Qualifications for Bond 2022 Proposition A Streets. The selection committee consisted of representatives from the City Manager's Office, Engineering Services, and Public Works. On March 1, 2022, the selection committee conducted interviews for 15 of the firms that were recommended by the evaluation committee. Firms were ranked based on five factors: 1) firm's experience and qualifications of firm; 2) experience and qualifications of the project manager and key staff; 3) project approach and management plan; 4) respondent capacity; and 5) respondent past performance.

The selection committee is recommending award to the following ten design consultants:

- Ardurra Group, Inc.
- Freese and Nichols, Inc.
- CivilCorp, LLC
- Halff Associates, Inc.
- Hanson Professional Services, Inc.
- HDR Engineering, Inc.
- J. Schwarz & Associates, Inc.
- LJA Engineering, Inc.
- Munoz Engineering, LLC
- Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.

All the selected firms are located in Corpus Christi. The consultants were matched with appropriate projects based on the evaluation criteria. Attached is the City's recommendation of award for each street project. The 13 street projects have a first-choice recommendation and a

second-choice recommendation in the event that successful contract negotiations cannot be completed with the first-choice recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to present these contracts to Council for individual consideration which will delay execution of the Bond 2022 Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY2023 is an amount of \$14,938,000.00 with funding available from the Streets Bond 2022 Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 2023 GO Bd22 Prop A - Streets (Fund 3561)
Dep: Street (33)
Org: Org (89)
Project: Mass Selection of Design Consultant (Project: 21045 to 21066)
Account: Outside Consults (550950)
Amount: \$14,938,000.00

The design contracts will be initially funded through the General Obligation Bond proceeds. Journal entries will be made after bids are received to allocate the utility design costs based on the utility improvement costs in the successful bid.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize staff to negotiate and execute all documents and contracts as needed in connection with the delivery of the Bond 2022 Program, Proposition A – Streets projects.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Map
List of Recommended Consultants & Streets Project
List of Streets Projects in Council District
Presentation