



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of June 27, 2023

DATE: June 20 2023

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Professional Service Contract Amendment
Harbor Bridge Parks Mitigation
(Bond 2014, Proposition 2)

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing Amendment No. 5 to a professional services contract with Halff Associates Inc, Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount of \$1,200,000, for a total contract value not to exceed \$1,550,817.00 to finalize park design plans for areas surrounding the new Harbor Bridge including the former Washington Elementary School site, TC Ayers Park, Ben Garza Park, and Dr. HJ Williams Memorial Park (Hillcrest Park), located in Council District 1 with FY 2023 funding available from Bond 2014 Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes approval of professional services contract amendment to finalize design plans for the new Harbor Bridge Parks Mitigation including the former Washington Elementary School site, TC Ayers Park, Ben Garza Park, Dr. HJ Williams Memorial Park (Hillcrest Park) and the associated trail connections and trailheads at each end of the new harbor bridge.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Harbor Bridge Parks Mitigation project was added to Bond '14 due to agreements between Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the City for mitigation of park and neighborhood impacts from the new Harbor Bridge construction. The park mitigation project addresses impacts to the former Washington Elementary School site and the three existing City Parks: TC Ayers Park, Ben Garza Park, and Dr. HJ Williams Memorial Park (Hillcrest Park).

Some preliminary planning work has been completed in 2014 but the effort has been on-hold for few years due to the Harbor Bridge Buyout program in the Hillcrest/Washington Coles neighborhood area and the schedule slippage on the bridge. A professional services contract with Halff Associates Inc, was previously authorized by Council on September 14, 2021 for \$258,341.00 to review the previous exhibits, prepare park program development plan, park concept planning, establish the appropriate Levels of Service (LOS) for each park, identify necessary hike and bike trail connections with community input and stake holder coordination, prepare/update cost estimates and the preliminary design report with 30% design plans.

Currently the preliminary design is 90% complete. City has met with several stakeholders to get the approval regarding the improvements proposed at the sites. This item will authorize the design consultant to prepare the final design and construction documents.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS

Halff Associates Inc. was selected to provide planning and design services in January 27, 2021 under RFQ 3409. The selection committee with representatives Parks and Recreation and Engineering Services ranked Freese & Nichols qualifications based on five factors: 1) experience of the firm, 2) experience of the key personnel with specific experience with multiple Bond street programs and local utilities, 3) project approach and management plan, 4) capacity to meet the project requirements and timelines, and 5) past performance.

Halff Associates Inc. has completed other projects for the City, Cole Park Master Plan, 10-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan (3rd time), and Bill Witt Master Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

Any alternative to awarding this contract to Halff Associates Inc., will delay construction of the project. This project construction must be completed by the end of December 2025. the completion date is based on an agreement between the City and TxDOT.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2023 is the amount of \$1,200,000.00 with funding available from the Bond 2014.

FUNDING DETAIL:

The CIP shows that the project is planned for FY 2023. The project has funds in an amount of \$3,500,000.00 available from Bond 2014, Proposition B and \$2,500,000.00 planned to be available from MPO. The MPO funds are not appropriated to date. The MPO funds will be appropriated at a later date with an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) between the City and the TXDOT by Council action. The conceptual plan needs to be finalized before the AFA execution. The project is ready to be implemented and the expenditures shown in the CIP need to be revised to reflect the accurate design budget of this project.

Fund:	PK&R Bond 2014 (Fund 3294)
Department:	Parks & Rec (27)
Project No.:	Harbor Bridge Replacement Mitigation & Support Projects (Project No. E15101)
Account:	Outside Consultants (550950)
Activity:	E15101-01-3294-EXP

Amount \$1,200,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends award of the contract to Halff Associates Inc. in the amount of \$1,200,000.00. The design of the project will begin in July 2023 with anticipated completion by December 2023 and construction completion by December 2025.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Location Maps
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