



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of October 19, 2021

DATE: October 19, 2021

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Professional Services Contract</u> Salinas Park Improvements - Design Only</p>
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CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the award of a professional services contract to LJA Engineering, Corpus Christi, Texas, to provide design, bid, and construction phase services for the Salinas Park Improvements project, located in Council District 3, in an amount of \$69,625.00, with FY 2022 funding available from the Community Development Block Grant Fund.

SUMMARY:

This item is for the approval of a professional services contract for the design of the Salinas Park Improvements project. This project includes replacement of the existing walking trail surface, installation of new exercise stations, and new park lighting along the walking trail. The scope of work for this item includes the development of construction bid documents and professional support during construction.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On July 21, 2020, an Ordinance was adopted for the FY 2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Action Plan (CAAP) which included the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget in an amount of \$2,758,645.00. The CAAP focused on public health, safety, necessity, convenience and general welfare of the City of Corpus Christi and its citizens and allocated \$1 million of the CDBG funds for the Salinas Park Improvements project. Salinas Park is a popular sports and recreation destination located on Airport Road and near Horne Road. On November 18, 2020, an interdepartmental agreement was entered into by the Grant Monitoring Division and Parks and Recreation Department to award a \$1 million CDBG grant for Salinas Park improvements.

Salinas Park is designated as a community regional park. The Park includes accessible play structures, a walking trail, ball field, and furnishings. A splash pad opened in June 2020 with interactive water play features for youth of all ages.

The project scope is for replacement of the existing 0.8-mile asphalt trail with a seven-foot-wide concrete walking trail, lighting improvements, and a series of exercise stations along the route. The proposed exercise equipment includes a sit-up bench, an adjustable leg press, an adjustable leg extension & curl, two-person accessible vertical press, two-person accessible lateral pull, adjustable rower, an adjustable arm curl, and an adjustable butterfly. The exercise equipment is of exterior grade and will be anchored to a concrete slab.

The original Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agreement, which provided Parks & Recreation with CDBG funding for the project, had a completion deadline of September 30, 2021. However, the project experienced delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An extension request was granted by HUD that extends the completion deadline to March 31, 2023.

This project does not include the design of the interconnecting road that will allow the neighboring residential area access to the park. This portion of the project will be addressed after the fee for the design is negotiated.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

2021							2022						
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Design				Bid/Award			Construction						

The project schedule reflects City Council award in October 2021 with construction completion in November 2022.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS:

On May 19, 2021, the Contracts and Procurement Division issued a Request for Qualifications 3599 for Professional Engineering Services for Salinas Park Improvements project.

The city received a total of four Statements of Qualifications. The selection committee consisted of representatives from Engineering Services, Planning, Parks & Recreation Departments, and the City Manager's Office. On July 21, 2021, the selection committee conducted interviews for the top three firms that were recommended by the evaluation committee. Firms were ranked based on five factors: 1) firm's experience and qualifications of firm; 2) team's experience and qualifications; 3) understanding of project scope based on understanding of scope of services, ability to maintain schedules, cost, and quality controls. The firm chosen based on the evaluation matrix is LJA Engineering.

LJA Engineering has a long-standing record of work on public infrastructure projects in South Texas. Comparable projects include a 13-acre Municipal Park project (Portland, TX), Sports Complex (Portland, TX), Park Master Plan (Fresno, TX), and Railroad Ditch Hike and Bike Trail (Portland, TX). Corpus Christi specific projects include the S.E.A District Pedestrian Improvements (Bond 2012) and Citywide Street Preventative Maintenance Program (SPMP), Rodd Field Road Expansion, and civil engineering services for Morgan Avenue, Rodd Field Road,

and Laguna Shores Road.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is for staff to reject the proposal and re-solicit for the design of the park improvements. This would delay the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY2022 is an amount of \$69,625.00 with funding available from the Community Development Block Grant Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) shows this project is ready to be implemented in FY2022 with sufficient funding available of \$1,000,000.00 in the CDBG Fund.

Fund: **Community Development Block Grant (Fund 1059)**
Mission Elem: Revitalize and Stabilize Neighborhoods (132)
Project No.: Salinas Park Improvements (Project No. 852105F)
Account: Maintenance and Repairs (520130)
Activity: 852105-F-1059-EXP
Amount: \$69,625.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the award to LJA Engineering for the design of the Salinas Park Improvements.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Location and Vicinity Map
Contract
Evaluation Matrix
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