Council Communication

Department: Community Development Case/Project No.: N/A	Ordinance No. N/A Resolution No. 18-_____	City Council: Nov 5, 2018

Subject/Title

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Snyder and Associates for engineering services in connection with the First Avenue Multi-Modal Corridor Project.

Background/Discussion

In September 2015, the West Broadway Corridor Plan was adopted which outlined an overall development of the city from Avenue A to 2nd Avenue and from 16th Street to 35th Street. The plan identified the 1st Avenue railroad right-of-way to be restructured into a multi-modal transit corridor with a trail and a future public transit alternative.

On August 29, 2018, the Community Development Department released the "FY2019-2020 Design Services for the First Avenue Multi-Modal Corridor Project" request for proposals from qualified engineering and design firms. The RFP included completion of preliminary design of the 1st Avenue trail section, a survey of the area, a cost-benefit analysis of the remaining ballast material from the railroad, landscaping and stormwater alternatives and a conceptual design of a transit concept adjacent to the trail. Funds to complete the design and a portion of the trail construction will be utilized from the FY2018 CIP ($200,000) and from an Iowa West Foundation grant ($200,000).

The City received six responses from qualified firms. A four-person review team evaluated the six proposals and interviewed three of the submitting firms. Based on the proposals and interviews, the review team determined Snyder and Associates along with its partner HDR is the most qualified firm to meet the City's needs. This was based on the following criteria: project team (30%); design ability and similar project experience (40%); construction cost analysis, cost control (20%); and timeline (10%).

Recommendation

The Community Development Department recommends the approval of Snyder and Associates and the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the engineering services in connection with the First Avenue Multi-Modal Corridor Project.

Attachments

City Council Resolution and Contract for Engineering Services

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