

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/21/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0225

LOG NAME: 21FIRE STATION 37 DESIGN

SUBJECT

(CD 4 / Future CD 4) Authorize Execution of an Architectural Design Contract in the Amount of \$444,000.00 Including \$43,300.00 of Reimbursable Expenses, with RPGA Design Group, Inc., for Design and Construction Administration Services for Fire Station No. 37 Located at 10600 Alta Vista Road for an Estimated Total Cost of the Project, Including Design, Construction, and Other Costs in the Amount of \$10,428,200.00 (2022 Bond Program)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of an architectural design contract in the amount of \$444,000.00 including \$43,300.00 of reimbursable expenses, with RPGA Design Group, Inc., for design and construction administration services for Fire Station No. 37 located at 10600 Alta Vista Road for an estimated total cost of the project, including design, construction, and other costs in the amount of \$10,428,200.00.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of an architectural design contract in the amount of \$444,000.00 including \$43,300.00 of reimbursable expenses, with RPGA Design Group, Inc., for design and construction administration services for Fire Station No. 37 located at 10600 Alta Vista Road.

The City Council authorized the acquisition of the land for Fire Station No. 37 on January 10, 2023, (M&C 23-0032). The site is located at 10060 Alta Vista Road, Fort Worth, TX, Tarrant County, Texas 76244. This site will accommodate the Fire Departments preferred one story prototype design. RPGA Design Group, Inc. is the City's designer for this prototype. Based on their unique expertise with this prototype design, City staff recommends that City Council authorize execution of an Architectural Services Agreement with RPGA Design Group, Inc. for design and construction administration for the new Fire Station 37.

Estimated Costs - The overall project costs are expected to be as described in the table below:

FIRE STATION 37 - PROJECT COSTS	Estimated Cost
Land Cost	\$2,125,000.00
RPGA Design Group, Inc. Design Fees	\$444,000.00
Construction Fees (Including Owner's Contingency Allowance)	\$7,249,200.00
Project Management, Bid Advertisement, Materials Inspection, Site Utilities, etc.	\$610,000.00
PROJECT TOTAL	\$10,428,200.00

This project is partially funded from the 2022 Bond Program. The City's Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) (M&C 22-0607; Ordinance 25675-08-2022) provides liquidity to support the appropriation. Available resources will be used to actually make any interim progress payments until debt is issued. Once debt associated with a project is sold, debt proceeds will reimburse the interim financing source in accordance with the statement expressing official Intent to Reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance 25515-05-2022).

Funding is budgeted in the Fire Department's 2022 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding the Fire Station 37 project, as appropriated.

Schedule - Construction is planned to begin during the second quarter of the calendar year of 2023 with an anticipated completion date during the fourth quarter of the calendar year of 2024.

Waiver of Building Permits - In accordance with the City Code of Ordinances, Part II, Chapter 7-1 Fort Worth Building Administrative Code, Section 109.2.1, Exception 2; "Work by non-City personnel on property under the control of the City of Fort Worth shall be exempt from the permit fees only if the work is for action under a contract that will be or has been approved by City Council with notes in the contract packages stating the fee is waived."

Diversity and Inclusion Business Equity Office - RPGA Design Group, Inc. is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 83.00% Business Equity participation on this project. The City's Business Equity goal on this project is 12%.

Fire Station 37 is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 4/ Future COUNCIL DISTRICT 4.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the 2022 Bond Program Fund for the Fire Station 37 project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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