

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0558

LOG NAME: 03BROADCAST HILL TRAIL CONTRACT

SUBJECT

(CD 8) Authorize the Execution of a Contract with Ecosystem Regeneration Artisans LLC in the Amount of \$149,994.00 for Trail Construction and Signage at the Tandy Hills/Stratford/Broadcast Hill Natural Area

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract in the amount of \$149,994.00 with Ecosystem Regeneration Artisans LLC for trail construction and signage at the Tandy Hills/Stratford/Broadcast Hill Natural Area (City Project Nos. 104602 and 103512).

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of a contract with Ecosystem Regeneration Artisans LLC to recommend new trail routes, construct at least two additional miles of natural surface (primitive dirt) trails, and install signs and trail markers at the Tandy Hills/Stratford/Broadcast Hill Natural Area.

On November 8, 2022, M&C 22-0928 accepted a grant award of \$150,000.00 from the North Texas Community Foundation and set up the Land Conservation and Environment project (City Project No. 104602) to fund habitat restoration and accessibility projects at the Broadcast Hill Natural Area, Tandy Hills Nature Area, and Stratford Nature Area. These projects include the extension of the trail system to provide a connection between the Broadcast Hill Natural Area, Tandy Hills Nature Area, and Stratford Nature Area, the design and installation of signage, and the control of invasive privet through forestry mulching and herbicide application.

In 2022, it was estimated that trail design and construction would cost \$52,000.00 and signage would cost \$10,000.00. Since that time, costs increased and the City was unable to secure a contract within the original budgeted amount. On December 10, 2024, M&C 24-1033 added \$60,000.00 to the remaining budget of approximately \$24,372.62 in the Broadcast Hill Improvements project (City Project No. 103512) for signage and natural surface trails to help secure a contract to complete the work as outlined in the grant. These funding sources will be utilized to pay for the work performed pursuant to the terms of the contract

The majority of the work is anticipated to be complete by the end of Fiscal Year 2025, with the potential for delays due to weather and other uncertainties. The contract is set to expire July 31, 2026 to allow for unforeseen delays in acquiring materials or other issues that could arise.

The Business Equity Division placed a 7.60% business equity goal on this solicitation/contract. Ecosystem Regeneration Artisans will be exceeding the goal at 23.10%, meeting the City's Business Equity Ordinance. Any changes in subcontractors will be reviewed by the Business Equity Division.

Funding is budgeted in the Grants Capital Project Other and General Gas Lease Capital Project Funds for the purpose of funding the Land Conservation and Environmental and Broadcast Hill Improvements projects, as appropriated.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Capital Project Other Fund for the Land Conservation and Environmental project and in the General Gas Lease Capital Project Fund for the Broadcast Hill Improvements project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the FWLab Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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