

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 80GATEWAY PARK MP - KH

SUBJECT

(CD 4 / Future CD 11) Authorize Execution of an Engineering Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the Amount of \$475,000.00, for Engineering Related Professional Services for the Development of the Gateway Park Master Plan (2022 Bond Program)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize execution of an engineering agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$475,000.00 for the development of the Gateway Park Master Plan (City Project No. 104192).

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the execution of an engineering agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$475,000.00 for the design and development of the Gateway Park Master Plan.

Gateway Park is a 791-acre park located in east Fort Worth, inside the 820 loop, north of Interstate-30 and east of Interstate-35W. Gateway Park is the City's only Metropolitan Park, and is bordered to the south by the Trinity River, which also bisects the east portion of the park and extends northward. Gateway Park is home to the City's only synthetic turf field complex, a softball complex with concession, a disc golf course, mountain bike trails, a connection to the Trinity River Trail System and the Fort Woof Dog Park.

The 2022 Bond Program included \$8,000,000.00 to update the Gateway Park Master Plan and initial development, as prioritized through the master plan process. The updated master plan will consider previous master plan inclusions, interim improvements made and future improvements as defined through the public input process. The master plan will study roads and parking, trail system, park elements, conceptual entry monuments, pavilions or gathering stations and space planning to optimize development and preserve the park aesthetic to serve nearby communities and the City. This project will include coordination with regulatory agencies including the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Tarrant Regional Water District to identify suitable amenities for development and those that will enhance and protect the natural environment. An estimated Phase I construction cost of \$5,500,000.00 has been identified for the initial development of the master plan, as prioritized through public and stakeholder input. The updated master plan will be presented to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board for consideration of endorsement, and the City Council for consideration of adoption.

The City's Extendable Commercial Paper Program (M&C 22-0607; Ordinance 25675-08-2022) provides liquidity to support the appropriation. Available resources will be used to 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).

Business Equity – Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 6% Business Equity participation on this project. The City's Business Equity goal on this project is 5%.

Funding is budgeted in the Park & Recreation Department's 2022 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding the 2022 Bond Gateway Park project, as appropriated.

Gateway Park is located in Council District 4 / Future Council District 11.

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 2022 Bond Gateway Park project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the engineering agreement. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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