

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 80GATEWAY PARK PH I DESIGN

SUBJECT

(CD 11) Authorize Execution of Amendment No. 1 to an Engineering Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the Amount of \$1,255,000.00, for Additional Engineering Services for Design and Development of Phase I Improvements at Gateway Park, for a Revised Design Contract Amount of \$1,730,000.00 (2022 Bond Program)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 to City Secretary Contract No. 59214, an Engineering Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$1,255,000.00, for additional engineering services for design and development of Phase I Improvements at Gateway Park (City Project No. 104192) for a revised contract amount of \$1,730,000.00.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 to City Secretary Contract No. 59214 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$1,255,000.00, for additional engineering services for design and development of Phase I Improvements at Gateway Park for a revised design contract amount of \$1,730,000.00.

Gateway Park is a 791-acre park located in east Fort Worth, inside the I-820 loop, north of Interstate-30 and east of Interstate-35. 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, rowing club boathouse, mountain bike trails, a connection to the Trinity River Trail System and the Fort Woof Dog Park. It is important to note that only 55 acres are outside of the floodplain protected by levees and the area on East First Street (approximately 120 acres) is a former landfill which has received clearance for the addition of soil from upriver valley storage from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Due to floodplain and landfill limitations, opportunities for facility development that include utilities and habitable structures are limited to spaces out of the floodplain and not directly over the landfill area.

The 2022 Bond Program included \$8,000,000.00 to update the Gateway Park Master Plan and Phase I development that was prioritized through the master plan process. On February 28, 2023, an Engineering Services Agreement in the amount of \$475,000.00 (City Secretary No. 59214, M&C 23-0187) was executed for the design and development of the Gateway Park Master Plan. The master plan update was determined to be necessary due to mitigation requirements for the Central City project, limitations to development in areas of the old wastewater treatment plant and landfill areas, incorporation of additional park land, and consideration of new recreational and entertainment facilities since the adoption of the 2009 Master Plan. Multiple public meetings with the public and stakeholders were held in 2023 that resulted in the final park master plan and Phase I priority improvements.

Proposed Phase I development will be predominantly focused west of Beach Street (all but 0.75 acres in floodplain) in the area of the park known as the Oxbow Area. It will primarily include infrastructure improvements including an entry off Beach Street, new roads and parking, a restroom and concessions building, sports courts, athletic fields, monument signage, pedestrian trails, and a bridge to provide a looped trail connection to the existing Trinity River Trails network.

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 2022 Bond Program Fund for the Park & Recreation Department for the purpose of funding the 2022 Bond Gateway Park project, as appropriated.

Gateway Park is located in 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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