

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0442

LOG NAME: 20SW STOCKYARDS STORMDRAIN STUDY

SUBJECT

(CD 2) Authorize Execution of an Engineering Agreement with Quiddity Engineering, LLC, in an Amount Up to \$300,000.00 to Conduct the Stockyards Stormdrain Study Project and Authorize Entering into a TIF Development Agreement between the City of Fort Worth and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of an Engineering Agreement with Quiddity Engineering, LLC, in an amount up to \$300,000.00 to conduct the Stockyards Stormdrain Study project (City Project No. 105959); and
2. Authorize entering into a TIF Development Agreement between the City of Fort Worth and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen for the City of Fort Worth acceptance of future reimbursement of up to \$300,000.00 for costs within the Stockyards Stormdrain Study project from Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen.

DISCUSSION:

The Engineering Agreement recommended by this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) will provide engineering services for the Stockyards Stormdrain Study. This work effort aims to evaluate the existing stormdrain system in the historic Stockyards area and map flood risk. The scope of work for this agreement also includes the option to evaluate mitigation and drainage solutions, if significant flood risks are identified.

The historical and entertainment significance of the Fort Worth Stockyards, coupled with the redevelopment plans, has spurred interest in preparing a stormwater evaluation for the Stockyards area. The intent of this study is to document the existing stormwater conditions to serve as a baseline condition report for the development community and the City of Fort Worth (City) to understand the capacity and constraints of the existing public storm drainage infrastructure and evaluate the impact of future development plans. The baseline stormwater condition study will not include updates to floodplain extents in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated areas. Instead, the primary focus of this analysis will be to evaluate the capacity of the existing stormwater infrastructure such as pipes and inlets and map areas potentially at risk of localized flooding. If significant flood risk areas are identified, then additional engineering may be performed under this agreement to evaluate potential flood mitigation options.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a variety of stormwater professional and engineering services was published on May 27, June 3, July 29, and August 5, 2021. Fifty-seven consultants responded to the RFQ from which Quiddity Engineering, LLC, was selected as the most qualified consultant for this work based on published selection criteria and required service areas. Quiddity Engineering, LLC, proposes to perform the scope of work for this contract over the next 36 months on a task order basis for a fee of up to \$300,000.00. Staff considers this fee to be fair and reasonable for the anticipated services to be performed.

On August 7, 2024, Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen (TIF 15) authorized a TIF Development Agreement with the City for the reimbursement of up to \$300,000.00 in project costs associated with the Stockyards Stormwater Study. This M&C authorizes acceptance of future reimbursement funds to the City.

Business Equity Office: The Business Equity Division placed a 6.33% business equity goal on this solicitation/contract. Quiddity Engineering, LLC, will be exceeding the goal at 9.80%, meeting the City's Business Equity Ordinance. Any changes in subcontractors will be reviewed by the Business Equity Division.

Funding is budgeted in the Stormwater Capital Projects Fund for the TPW Department for the purpose of funding the Stockyards Stormdrain Study project, as appropriated.

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the Stormwater Capital Projects Fund for the Stockyards Stormdrain Study project to support the approval of the recommendations and execution of the agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Transportation and Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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