

City Council Staff Report



Subject: Professional Services Contract to Provide Landscape Architecture Services on Prospector Avenue
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Type of Item: Administrative

Summary Recommendations:

Staff recommends City Council approve a Professional Services Agreement with MGB+A, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to provide landscape and irrigation design services for the Prospector Avenue reconstruction project in an amount not to exceed \$16,685.00.

Executive Summary:

Through the Small Urban Fund program, Park City was granted \$1,000,000 to be used for improvements to Prospector Avenue. The Small Urban Fund program is a Federal road funding program and is administered by Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). Park City is considered a small urban community (5,000 – 50,000 population) and thus qualifies for these funds.

AECOM provided consultant services for the design and construction engineering management of the Prospector Avenue reconstruction project. Construction on Prospector Avenue occurred from July 9th, 2018 through December 21st, 2018. At that time the contract with the contractor (Stapp Construction) was suspended until additional work items could be completed in spring 2019 with better weather. These additional work items include miscellaneous concrete work, cleanup, and pavement stripping. The contractor anticipates being on site the week of April 22nd to complete these items. Afterwards, the Prospector Avenue reconstruction project will be substantially complete and the work by AECOM and Stapp Construction will be finished.

A betterment project on Prospector Avenue will provide the necessary landscaping within the park strips for beautification of the corridor. This contract with MGB+A provides the necessary landscape and irrigation design work of the area between the rolled curb and gutter and the sidewalks (park strip) on Prospector Avenue and Gold Dust Lane.

Acronyms

PSA- Professional Services Agreement

PSPOA- Prospector Square Property Owners Association

The Problem:

Landscape design of the park strip was not included in AECOM's scope because staff intended to coordinate landscaping needs with the Prospector Square Property Owners

Association (PSPOA). Staff felt this would likely provide a design that blends with the private improvements made by the PSPOA.

Alternatives:

A. Approve the Request:

This alternative provides a landscape architect necessary to complete the Prospector Avenue Reconstruction project. This is staffs' recommendation.

Pros

- The design development and construction services will be provided by a qualified consultant.
- MGB+A is also the landscape architect selected by the PSPOA for their private landscaping improvements to the interior walkways.

Cons – None noted.

B. Deny the Request:

Pros – The City's local funds allocated to this project could be used for other needs.

Cons – Staff will not have the resources necessary to complete the design of the landscaping and beautification of the corridor.

Analysis:

The Prospector Avenue Reconstruction project accomplished the following:

- Maintain parallel parking,
- Reduction of lane widths to 12 feet,
- Eight foot wide multi-use pathway on the north side of the street,
- 5 ½ foot wide sidewalks on the south side of the street,
- Update the lighting to LED and new fixtures,
- Roll curb and gutter instead of high back curb and gutter,
- A storm drain system,
- Fiber optic conduit,
- Sharrows,
- Cross walks,
- Four to five foot wide park strips on both sides of the street, and
- Bus pull-outs

PSPOA anticipates landscaping improvements within the private walkways to be completed the summer of 2019. MGB+A is the landscape architect the PSPOA has selected to complete design of these improvements.

During the planning and construction phase of Prospector Avenue in the summer of 2018, staff had the understanding PSPOA will be maintaining landscaping improvements of the park strip upon completion. For this reason, staff intended to contract with MGB+A for an amount less than \$15,000 per the City's Contracting and Purchasing Policy.

On March 19th, 2019 PSPOA submitted a formal request for the City to maintain the landscaping on Prospector Avenue and Gold Dust Lane. MGB+A originally submitted a quotation for \$13,400 for design pertinent to the areas fronting the PSPOA parking lots within the right-of-way. The additional services for design to include the entire right-of-way of Prospector Avenue and Gold Dust Lane resulted in an added fee of \$3,285.00. Thus, the contract not to exceed amount sums \$16,685.00.

Staff has requested written quotations from three firms to perform landscape and irrigation design of the park strips within the public right-of-way. One written quotation has been provided from MGB+A which staff finds the amount to be sensible. Contracting with MGB+A at this time will allow staff to bid the project to contractors for installation this spring during the optimal time for new plantings.

Department Review:

This report has been reviewed by City Manager, Community Development, and Legal. All issues have been resolved.

Funding Source:

The design and installation of landscaping on Prospector Avenue and Gold Dust Lane is allocated from the approved capital improvement projects fund. Staff will be returning to City Council May 2nd, 2019 for consideration of a requested elevated level of service and associated annual costs for the City to maintain landscaping within the park strips on Prospector Avenue and Gold Dust Lane. Any increased costs to the City related to this request would be included in the upcoming budget hearings and adoption.

Recommendation:

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1: MGB+A Scope of Services
- Attachment 2: MGB+A Additional Services