

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and City Council Date: May 13, 2014
From: Greg Shuler, Director of Public Works Prepared by: Alvin Fuller
Via: Gary Jackson, City Manager
Subject: Low bid contract for North Louisiana Sidewalk Improvements – Phase 4

Summary Statement: The consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Armen Construction, LLC for the amount of \$126,820 and any change order within the project budget for the project known as North Louisiana Avenue Sidewalk Improvements, Phase 4, City of Asheville Project #E1014; and the associated budget amendment , in the amount of \$25,000, from savings in other sidewalk projects to fund costs that exceeded the original budget.

Review: This project will build a much needed sidewalk along North Louisiana Avenue and provide connectivity from the Skyview Community to Patton Ave. Pedestrians currently must walk on the side of the road, in a ditch, or in the street itself. The scope of work includes sidewalk, curb and gutter, drainage, retaining walls, wheelchair ramps, driveways, and utility relocation. The project is funded in part with U.S. Department of Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The N. Louisiana Sidewalk Improvements – Phase 4 project was advertised April 11, 2014, - April 28, 2014. The bids were opened informally Monday April 28, 2014, and the following two bids were received:

- Patton Construction Group, Inc. of Asheville, NC in the amount of \$156,640
- Armen Construction, LLC of Charlotte, NC in the amount of \$126,820

This action complies with the City Council Strategic Operating Plan in leveraging funding from the State and other sources for regional transportation improvements and providing safe travel for the community.

Pros:

- Improves pedestrian safety.
- Funded by a Federal grant, with minimal City General Fund contribution.
- Encourages walking, thereby reducing carbon emissions.

Cons:

- Project management and contract administration will consume staff time.

Fiscal Impact: The project budget will be \$142,000. CDBG will provide \$117,000 (previously budgeted), and \$25,000 will be allocated from savings in other sidewalk projects. .

Recommendation: City staff recommends the City Council adopt the attached budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000; and the attached resolution awarding the contract to

Armen Construction, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to execute contract and any change order within the budgeted amount.

Attachments:

(1) Resolution

(2) Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 14-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ARMEN CONSTRUCTION, LLC AND ANY CHANGE ORDER WITHIN THE BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS NORTH LOUISIANA AVE. SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 4, CITY OF ASHEVILLE PROJECT #E1014

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-129, bids were solicited for the project known as N. Louisiana Ave. Sidewalk Improvements – Phase 4; and

WHEREAS, Armen Construction, LLC, Charlotte, NC was the lowest responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, Armen Construction, LLC shall provide all labor, material, equipment, etc. for the installation of curb and gutter, sidewalks, drive aprons, ADA ramps, retaining wall, etc as described in the service contract; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the Agreement is \$126,820.00 and the monies have been budgeted in the Public Works Department's 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Asheville with Armen Construction, LLC, for \$126,820.00 for the project known as N. Louisiana Sidewalk Improvements – Phase 4, City of Asheville Project #E1014, and further authorized to execute any change orders to said contract or documents which may arise during construction of said project up to the budgeted amount.

Read, approved and adopted this the 13th day of May, 2014.

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That the City of Asheville Annual Operating or Capital Projects Budget Ordinance be amended according to the budget amendment form attached to and made part of this ordinance.

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 13th day of May, 2014.

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PURPOSE: N. Louisiana Avenue Sidewalk
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