



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-842

Agenda Date: September 7, 2023

Department: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

Title: 2023-842 Authorization of an Amendment to a Task Assignment under a Professional Design Services Agreement (B)

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Description: Request for City Commission approval to amend a task assignment to add bidding and construction phase services to the scope of work. The additional services cost \$25,405.00 which result in a revised total project cost of \$121,775.00. The work on the Wild Spaces & Public Places Multiuse Trail (Sweetwater Wetlands Park to Sweetwater Preserve) is by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Fiscal Note: Funds in the amount of \$25,405 are available for bidding and construction phase services from the Sweetwater Recreational Trail Wild Spaces & Public Places ½ cent sales tax project account.

Explanation: In 2012, the City Commission approved the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Vision 2020 Master Plan. This plan brought to light the need for additional multiuse trails and better connectivity between parks. In April 2017, the City entered into a \$3 million interlocal agreement with the County for projects of mutual interest to the County and the City. The Sweetwater Recreational Trail is the first priority project under this agreement.

Kimley-Horn is nearly half way through the design and permitting processes. Bidding support and construction phase services will help ensure the project has a successful construction phase. Design and permitting are anticipated to complete in 2023 with construction anticipated in 2024.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is on a continuing services agreement for professional design services for WSPP projects. Kimley-Horn was one of 17 design firms awarded continuing services agreements under the RFQ for Professional Design Services for Wild Spaces Public Places Projects in 2018, Bid #: WSPP-180054-DM. This

procurement was advertised on a national bidding clearinghouse called DemandStar. They broadcast a notification of the project to 2460 firms that had previously registered as potentially interested in this type of work. In addition, the solicitation was sent to 31 supplemental vendors that had expressed an interest directly to WSPP or were local firms known to be capable of this type of design work. A total of 41 companies downloaded the plans and specifications.

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☒ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☐ Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.