



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-687

Agenda Date: September 19, 2024

Department: Wild Spaces & Public Places

Title: 2024-687 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 alternative alignment analysis design services to the scope of work. 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: The additional services cost \$27,175.00 which result in a revised total project cost of \$148,950.00. Funds in the amount of \$27,175.00 are available for alternative alignment analysis design 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 currently more than half way through the design and permitting processes. The steep grading along the transmission line corridor, where the trail will be located, has presented many design challenges. In order to accommodate the needs of all stakeholders multiple trail alignments will be analyzed to determine which best meets stakeholder needs while supporting recreational use. Design and permitting are anticipated to complete in early 2025 with construction anticipated to begin in 2025.

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 1) approve the amendment and 2) 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.