

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: February 8, 2021

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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Council Action Requested:

Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Washington Park Phase 1 Improvements (South Ward) and Old Town Drainage Improvements (Northwest Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Open Space and Recreational Facilities

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



Summary of Information:

The City advertised bids for construction of Washington Park Phase 1 Improvements, a 2018 G.O. Bond project. The scope of work includes a new access drive from Bond Street, repair or replace asphalt trails, concrete walks, repairs to stone walls and arched entrances, repair existing shelters #1 and #2, new shelter #3, replace restroom building with new historic design, water and sewer lines, add more pedestrian lighting poles, benches and trash cans, seeding and plantings. Three deduct alternates and one add alternate for kudzu clearing by goats were included in the bid.

Added to this bid was a smaller 2018 G.O. Bond project of similar type, Old Town Drainage Improvements, where the scope of work includes new drainage swales, storm drainage piping, erosion repairs, repairs to trails and steps, seeding, new footbridge and volleyball sand.

Bids were scheduled to be received on December 9, 2020, but fewer than three bids were offered as required by North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) 143-132(a). Therefore, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129, the project was re-advertised.

Bids were then opened on December 17, 2020, with a summary of bids as follows:

Committee	<u>Finance 2/8/2021</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
Remarks:			

	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Washington Park Base Bid</u>	<u>Old Town Base Bid</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Central Builders, Inc. of Mebane, Bar Construction Company, Inc.	Haw River, NC	\$1,209,900.00	\$206,679.52	\$1,416,579.52
H.M. Kern Corporation	Greensboro, NC	\$1,205,000.00	\$253,300.00	\$1,458,300.00
Simcon Company, LLC	Greensboro, NC	\$1,332,000.00	\$235,000.00	\$1,567,000.00
MBI Builders, LLC	Mount Airy, NC	\$1,500,031.85	\$301,230.94	\$1,801,262.79
	N. Wilkesboro, NC	\$1,836,200.00	\$254,050.00	\$2,090,250.00

The low bidder, Central Builders, Inc. of Mebane, submitted subcontracting goals of 8.1% with minority-owned businesses and 19.7% with women-owned businesses, which failed to meet those established for this project of 17% and 10%, respectively. Therefore, pursuant to the City's M/WBE Policy, the City's Internal M/WBE Committee and Citizen's M/WBE Advisory Committee met to review and consider all documentation of the bidder's good faith efforts which follow the resolution. Both committees determined that the bidder did make necessary good faith efforts to achieve the established project goals.

The 2018 G.O. Bond allocated \$2,000,000 for the construction budget of Washington Park Phase 1 Improvements and \$200,000 for Old Town Drainage Improvements. Because the low bid is below budget, no deducts need to be taken and Add Alternate #4 in the amount of \$27,500 can be accepted. It is therefore recommended that the contract be awarded to Central Builders, Inc. of Mebane, the low bidder meeting specifications, in the base bid amount of \$1,416,579.52 plus add alternate 4 in the amount of \$27,500 for a total amount of \$1,444,079.52. The designer's base bid estimate was \$1,633,148 for Washington Park Phase 1 and \$204,800 for Old Town Drainage, totaling \$1,837,948.

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the City and State websites and with several electronic plan rooms. Notifications were sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB businesses on a weekly basis. See Exhibit A for a complete list of businesses that were notified the bidding opportunity and the low bidder's Workplace Demographics form. None of the bidders are M/WBE firms.