

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 16, 2018

To: The City Manager

From: Greg Turner, Assistant City Manager
Jerry Bates, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Adoption of Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Miller Park Phase I Improvements. (Southwest 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 for bids for Phase I improvements to Miller Park. This project involves select demolition and improvements to the 14 acre park as follows: replacing the old restroom building at the Queen Street petanque courts, installing new water and sewer utilities to new restroom building, rebuilding two stone footbridges, resurfacing of asphalt walking paths and rock walking paths, improving access to the many shelters and picnic areas, building two new retaining walls, grading, installing new drain pipes and rock spillways to address erosion issues, and adding numerous benches, trash cans, and picnic tables.

Bids were scheduled to be received on November 3, 2017, but less 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 for bids.

Bids were received November 14, 2017, with the summary of bids as follows:

	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Hodgin Construction Co.	Greensboro, NC	\$1,729,072.33
Bar Construction Co., Inc.	Greensboro, NC	1,902,800.00
I.L. Long Construction Co., Inc.	Winston-Salem, NC	2,030,563.44

Committee Action:

Committee Finance 1/8/2018 **Action** Approval

For Unanimous **Against**

Remarks:

All bids exceeded the budget; therefore, staff removed \$121,684 from the project scope through value engineering, which included the following:

- eliminated the rock foundation and timber steps by rerouting the trail
- eliminated steel conduit sleeves for lighting
- utilize Duke Power to create a new service for the new bathroom building at a closer location

These efforts bring the base bid amount down to \$1,607,388.33. The designer's estimate was \$1,348,029.

The 2014 GO Recreation Bond fund has approximately \$1,205,695.55 remaining for phase I improvements to this park. City Council approved an additional \$500,000 from bond sale proceeds at the December 18, 2017 meeting, making the total funds available for this project in the amount of \$1,705,695.55.

The low bidder, Hodgin Construction Company, Inc. agreed to subcontract goals other than those established for this project of 18% with minority-owned businesses and 16% with women-owned businesses. Therefore, pursuant to the City's M/WBE Policy, the Internal M/WBE Committee and the Citizen's M/WBE Advisory Committee met to review and consider all documentation of the bidder's good faith efforts which follow this resolution. Both committees determined that the bidder did make necessary good faith efforts to achieve the established project goals.

It is recommended that a contract be awarded to Hodgin Construction Co., the low bidder meeting specifications, in the value-engineered estimated base bid amount of \$1,607,388.33.

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the City's website and with several electronic plan rooms. Notifications were sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB and DBE businesses. See Exhibit A for a complete list of businesses that requested the bidding document.

Workplace Demographics: See Exhibit B.