

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: February 14, 2023

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

From: Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager
William Royston, Recreation & Parks Director
Shantell McClam, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Granville Park Improvements (South 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 Granville Park Improvements. The scope of work involves adding new drainage swales, storm drainage structures and piping, repairs to existing slopes, asphalt trails and river stone. More specific work includes the replacement & repair of asphalt paths for 10’ wide central service vehicle access and existing 6’ wide asphalt trails, new curbing, repairs to historic arched stone bridges, repairs to existing gazebo and concrete walks, provide ADA access, install site lighting, tree removal and limbing up, regrade and add soil amendments of meadow mix and permanent seeding for improved vegetation management.

Bids were received on August 23, 2022, with a summary of bids as follows:

	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Wildlands Construction, LLC	Raleigh, NC	\$1,400,000
Ramey, Inc.	Bethania, NC	1,476,310
Bar Construction Company, Inc.	Greensboro, NC	1,913,000
Central Builders, Inc. of Mebane	Haw River, NC	2,041,172
Dreambuilt Construction, Inc.	Advance, NC	2,278,800

The low bidder, Wildlands Construction, LLC, submitted subcontracting goals other than those established for this project of 16% with minority-owned businesses and 10% with woman-owned businesses; therefore, pursuant to the Commission’s M/WBE Policy, the Internal M/WBE Committee and Citizen’s Advisory Committee met to review and consider all documentation of the bidder's good faith efforts which follow this resolution.

Committee PS 2.13.23& Fin 2.14.23 **Action** Approval

For Unanimous **Against** _____

Remarks:

Both committees determined that the bidder did not make the necessary good faith effort to achieve the established project goals, which per the City's M/WBE Policy, any bidder not passing the good faith effort evaluation is deemed non-responsive and their bid cannot be considered for award.

The next lowest bidder, Ramey, Inc., submitted subcontracting goals meeting those established for this project of 16% with minority-owned businesses and 10% with woman-owned businesses per the Affidavit "C" submitted by the company.

All bids exceeded the construction budget of \$1,051,750 allocated for this project. Therefore, the City entered negotiations with the low bidder, as allowed by N.C. General Statute 143-129(b), in an effort to bring the project within the funds available. The following project scope was removed or changed: keep seven trees, remove new asphalt at certain trail sections, delete regrading of some trails, delete stone bridge #2, only 1" overlay on parking lot, use class B stone in lieu of river stone in two stormwater channels, delete part of new stormwater system not needed due to other scope deletion by value engineering, and remove all site lighting modifications. The total cost reduction is \$429,189.

Therefore, it is recommended that the contract be awarded to Ramey, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications, in the not-to-exceed, negotiated total amount of \$1,047,121. The engineer's estimate was \$1,051,257.

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the City and state websites and sent directly to 64 general contractors. Notifications were sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB businesses on a bi-weekly basis. See Exhibit A for a complete list of businesses that were notified about the bidding opportunity and the low bidder's Workplace Demographics form.