

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: April 8, 2019

To: The City Manager

From: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager
Robert Prestwood, City Engineer

Council Action Requested:

Resolution to Enter an Agreement with John Davenport Engineering, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the Design of the Salem Creek Greenway Pedestrian Sidepath. (South and Southwest Wards)

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation
Strategic Objective: Expand Bike/Sidewalk/Greenway Network
Strategic Plan Action Item: Yes
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

In November 2018, the citizens of Winston-Salem voted to approve the issuance of bonds for the Salem Creek Greenway Pedestrian Pathway. This project would provide funds to construct a pedestrian sidepath connecting the Salem Creek Greenway and Marketplace Mall to the area near Forsyth Technical Community College. The pedestrian sidepath would consist of a paved sidewalk starting on Peters Creek Parkway outside Marketplace Mall. The sidepath would run along Peters Creek Parkway to Link Road, along Link Road to Lockland Avenue, and down Lockland Avenue to Silas Creek Parkway. Pedestrian crossings would be added at the intersections of Peters Creek Parkway and Link Road and at Lockland Avenue and Silas Creek Parkway.

The City selects firms to provide architectural, engineering, and surveying services in accordance with public policy established in N.C.G.S. §143-64.31, which provides for a qualifications-based selection process. In February 2019, the City posted Requests for Letters of Interest/Statement of Qualifications (LOI/SOQ) to perform architectural design services on the City’s website. Four engineering firms submitted LOI/SOQ’s. A panel consisting of an Assistant City Manager, City Engineer, Director of Transportation, Assistant Director of BIA and an Engineering Supervisor evaluated the proposals based on the following criteria:

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 4/8/19 Public Works 4/9/19	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

- M/WBE Commitment
- Distance from Winston-Salem
- Innovative approach
- Work Experience
- Understanding of Project
- Past Performance.

John Davenport Engineering, Inc. was rated as the most qualified firm to provide engineering design services for this greenway project. In accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-64.31, the City entered into contract negotiations with John Davenport Engineering, Inc., which included identifying the full scope of services to be provided and a proposed fee for this work. Staff is finalizing the scope and schedule for fees not to exceed \$128,460. Based on the total scope of work, staff believes that this is a fair and reasonable fee. Funds for this project were approved in the 2018 Bonds. The expected design completion date is February 2020. The proposal opportunity was advertised on the City website and sent to engineering and or architectural firms. See Exhibit A and Exhibit B for a complete list of businesses notified of this solicitation as well as workforce demographics for the recommended vendor.