



STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 9, 2021

TO: Kent Cagle, City Manager

FROM: Tony McIlwain, Executive Director of Development Services

SUBJECT: Authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with KSA Engineers in the amount of \$658,710 for the Complete Design of the Gilmer Street Reconstruction Project

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The FY 2022 Capital Improvement Plan includes eight projects in the Transportation Street Reconstruction Priority List as a result of the pavement management program. The City has determined that current damages to the existing roadways are estimated at \$120 million. Pavement analysis has determined that full replacement of Gilmer Street is needed from the intersection of Veterans Memorial Boulevard (V.M.B.) to the street's end, north of Rancier Avenue.

City staff performed consultant interviews for the design of the first three projects on the Transportation Street Reconstruction Priority List. The interview panel selected KSA Engineers for the design contract for Gilmer Street. City staff has negotiated a professional services agreement (PSA) with KSA Engineers for the complete design for Gilmer Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$658,710.

The complete design will include reviewing the current roadway configuration for possible roadway dieting, landscaping, pedestrian improvements to the adjacent neighborhoods and businesses, and traffic analysis in key intersections to determine the need for intersection improvements. This project will also include the pedestrian signal upgrades at V.M.B. and Rancier Avenue.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

- (1) Delay the design and construction of Gilmer Street Reconstruction Project.
- (2) Reject KSA Engineers' proposal and begin negotiations with another design firm.
- (3) Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with KSA Engineers for the complete design of Gilmer Street Reconstruction Project.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Staff recommends alternative 3, which is to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with KSA Engineers. KSA Engineers has extensive experience required for this project that includes pavement design for roadway replacement, traffic analysis, drainage analysis and transportation planning. City staff has interviewed five

consultants and determined that KSA Engineers best meets the needs for this project. KSA Engineers has submitted a fair and reasonable proposal for their engineering services and has provided designs of great taxpayer value to the City in previous projects.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This item confirms to state and local policies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

The fee for services is not to exceed \$658,710.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

This is a one-time expenditure.

Is this expenditure budgeted? Yes

Funding for this project is available in account 328-8934-493.69-01.

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

Yes

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with KSA Engineers in the amount of \$658,710 for the complete design of the Gilmer Street Reconstruction Project, and that the City Manager, or his designee, is expressly authorized to execute any and all change orders with the amounts set by State and Local Law.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance
City Attorney

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Proposal
Agreement
Certificate of Interested Parties