

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date:	August 27, 2012
	Agenda Item No. Roll Call No. Communication No. Submitted by:	48D <u>12-1387</u> <u>12-457</u> Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer and Phil Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C. for design and construction phase services for the Beaver Avenue Streetscape, not to exceed \$420,000.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C., Brett Douglas, President, 325 East 5th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, for a total cost not to exceed \$420,000, based on hourly rates, to provide design and construction phase services for the Beaver Avenue Streetscape.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$420,000

Funding Source: 2012-2013 CIP, Page Street-41, STR231, Streetscape Improvements

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On August 11, 2008, by Roll Call No. 08-1471, the City Council approved proceeding with Request for Proposals (RFP) to initiate the Beaverdale Streetscape design. The RFP was for a phased approach including conceptual design and cost estimates, fund raising, development of construction documents, and then bidding. On March 9, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-367, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C. to provide a conceptual design for the Beaver Avenue Streetscape project. The conceptual streetscape design would address the Beaver Avenue corridor from 41st Street to Douglas Avenue and a more detailed preliminary streetscape design and cost estimate would be prepared for the core business area of Beaver Avenue from Beaver Crest Drive to Adams Avenue.

A steering committee comprised of representatives from the Beaverdale business community, as well as residents from the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association worked with City staff, from various departments, and the consultant team to develop an approved conceptual streetscape plan, including a roundabout for the Beaver Avenue and Urbandale Avenue intersection. The Beaverdale Neighborhood Association and the Beaverdale Business Coalition have submitted letters in support of the roundabout concept. Additionally, the Traffic Safety Committee recommended the roundabout as the preferred alternative for this intersection and on June 28, 2010, by Roll Call No. 10-1094, the City Council approved the Beaver Avenue Streetscape Concept Plan.

Erin Olson Douglas, in her position as Urban Designer with the Community Development Department, has declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Beaver Avenue Streetscape Professional Services Agreement. The conflict of interest exists because her husband, Brett Douglas, is a principle owner of Genus Landscape Architects. She did not participate in the selection of the consultant and has not been involved in the administration of the contract. The consultant, Genus Landscape Architects, P.C., was selected in response to the original RFP based on their qualifications, defined approach to this project, and previous performance with the City. The selection team was composed of representatives from Engineering, Community Development, Economic Development, and the Beavertdale Neighborhood.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Des Moines and the Beavertdale Betterment Coalition will establish a cooperative agreement to carry out final design and implementation of the Beaver Avenue Streetscape Project. Design work is anticipated to be completed by October 2013 with construction to follow in 2014.

Staff has negotiated a Professional Services Agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C. for a total cost not to exceed \$420,000, based on hourly rates, to provide design and construction phase services.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 27, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0315](#)

Action: [From](#) Beavertdale area businesses to speak regarding next steps for moving the Beavertdale Streetscape forward. Moved by Griess to refer to the City Manager to arrange a meeting with members of the business community and Neighborhood Association to discuss the streetscape guidelines and funding; and refer to the Legal Department to prepare formal documents to create the SSMID. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 28, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1094](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Beaver Avenue Streetscape Concept Plan. ([Council Communication No. 10-382](#)). Moved by Griess to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: March 9, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-367](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C. for professional services for the Beaver Avenue Streetscape, not to exceed \$169,885. ([Council Communication No. 09-140](#)). Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: [08-1471](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to proceed with Request for Proposals (RFP) to initiate the Beaverdale Streetscape Design Study. ([Council Communication No. 08-487](#)). Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 22, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-2032](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of STP and STP-TE Fund FY 2012 Applications to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization. ([Council Communication No. 07-629](#)). Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 6, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-1556](#)

Action: [Draft](#) Beaverdale Master [Plan](#) developed by The Beaverdale Main Street Initiative and to refer to the City Manager and appropriate Boards and Commissions for review and recommendation. Moved by Coleman to receive, file and refer the Beaverdale Draft Master Plan to the City Manager and appropriate City boards and commissions for review and recommendation regarding its implementation. The City Manager will ask The Beaverdale Main Street Initiative to organize meetings with the Neighborhood Associations and other interested parties, to share the information about this plan. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on professional services agreements.

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