

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: April 7, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 8 Roll Call No. <u>14-0525</u> Communication No. <u>14-135</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement with Brian Clark and Associates, Inc. d/b/a Confluence, for professional services for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project, not to exceed \$110,900.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Brian Clark and Associates, Inc. d/b/a Confluence (Brian Clark, President, 1300 Walnut Street, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50309) for professional services for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project for a total cost not to exceed \$110,900, based on hourly rates. The consultant will be tasked to blend the design concepts of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Conceptual Design and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) “Greening 6th Avenue” final report to prepare a master layout plan, details, and cost estimates for the streetscape project along 6th Avenue from I-235 to the Des Moines River Bridge. The consultant will also assist the City’s engineering staff with the final design of Phase 1 of the streetscape, located between College Avenue and the Des Moines River Bridge.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$110,900

Funding Source: 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Street-35, Streetscape Improvements ST231, GO Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For the past few years the 6th Avenue community has been considering streetscape improvements for 6th Avenue. In a letter dated May 13, 2008, the River Bend Neighborhood Association formally requested that a streetscape plan be prepared for 6th Avenue. The scope of the project was identified as running along 6th Avenue from I-235 on the south to the Des Moines River Bridge on the north. A steering committee comprised of 6th Avenue businesses, property owners, as well as residents from the River Bend Neighborhood Association, worked with City staff to develop the streetscape concept plan. On October 22, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-1632, City Council approved the streetscape concept plan and authorized staff to proceed with a design for a limited portion of the overall project.

On September 12, 2012, the EPA selected the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project in Des Moines along with projects in four (4) other capital cites to participate in EPA’s Greening American’s Capitals program. The cities were awarded design assistance from EPA to create healthy, prosperous

communities through green development. The final report was received by City Council on November 4, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-1728.

In November, 2013, the City solicited consultant proposals for professional services to 1) prepare a master layout plan, details, and cost estimates for a streetscape project along 6th Avenue from I-235 to the Des Moines River bridge, and 2) assist the City's engineering staff with the final design of the streetscape within the Phase 1 project limits between College Avenue and the Des Moines River bridge. The consultant was tasked to blend the design concepts of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Conceptual Design and the EPA's "Greening 6th Avenue" final report to create an environmentally sound streetscape plan that will serve as a model for Des Moines and other Iowa communities. Five (5) proposals were received in response to the RFP. A selection committee composed of representatives from Engineering, Community Development, Economic Development, and 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. rated the proposals. Brian Clark and Associates, Inc. d/b/a Confluence was selected by the committee based on their qualifications, defined approach to this project, and previous performance with the City. Staff has negotiated a Professional Services Agreement with Brian Clark and Associates, Inc. d/b/a Confluence for a total cost not to exceed \$110,900 based on hourly rates to provide design phase services.

6th Avenue Corridor, Inc., a State of Iowa designated urban main street district, applied for and received grant funding from the State of Iowa in the amount of \$50,000 to be used for final design of the streetscape project. The deadline to spend the grant funds is the end of fiscal year 2013. Staff is seeking authorization to proceed with this professional services agreement to utilize the grant funding that has been secured by 6th Avenue. Private fundraising will complement the funding already in place from the City and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for construction of the project. Tentatively, the initial streetscape construction project is scheduled for construction in 2018-2019.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 4, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1728http://www.dmgov.org/government/citycouncil/rollcalls/2012/12-1231.pdf](http://www.dmgov.org/government/citycouncil/rollcalls/2012/12-1231.pdf)

Action: [Receive](#) and file the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Greening America's Capitals Report on the 6th Avenue Corridor. [\(Council Communication No. 13-540\)](#) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: October 22, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1632](#)

Action: [Approving](#) the 6th Avenue Streetscape Concept Plan and authorizing staff to proceed with design for a limited portion of the overall project. [\(Council Communication No. 12-553\)](#) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions for construction contracts. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the 6th Avenue Corridor to carry out the implementation of the streetscape project.

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