

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: January 9, 2017
	Agenda Item No. 14 Roll Call No. <u>17-0016</u> Communication No. <u>17-017</u> Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving exception to Request for Proposals process for good cause and approving Professional Services Agreement with Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering, LLP (BBS), for Skywalk Bridge 7C-7D Repair project, not to exceed \$53,960.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering LLP, Matthew A. Cole, AIA, Architect-Partner, 317 6th Avenue, Suite 400, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309-4108, to provide professional services for Skywalk Bridge 7C-7D Repair project for a total cost not to exceed \$53,960 based on lump sum.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$53,960

Funding Source: 2016-2017 CIP, Page Street - 34, Skywalk System, SW094, T.I.F. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Skywalk Bridge 7C-7D spans Walnut Street, connecting the EMC Building to the former Younkers Building. Skywalk Bridge 7C-7D was heavily damaged during the fire at the Younkers Building in March of 2014. Under an emergency contract authorized by the City Manager, the bridge was stabilized and weather proofed. The loss of the Younkers Building severed several vital connections in the Skywalk system.
- On December 19, 2016, under Roll Call No. 16-2189, the Council approved a Development Agreement with 701 Walnut Partnership, LLC to construct a new building at the former Younkers Building site. The 701 Walnut Partnership, LLC’s new building will include a Skywalk Corridor in the same location as in the former Younkers Building. In order to restore this Skywalk connection, the City must make permanent repairs to Skywalk Bridge 7C-7D.
- The City Engineer recommends that good cause exists to exempt the procurement of these services from the Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process, including advertisement, due to the inherent knowledge possessed by the recommended consultant.

- This Skywalk Bridge was originally designed by (BBS) in the 1990's. BBS is familiar with unique aspects of the original design of the Skywalk Bridge and is best suited to facilitate design of the repairs.
- BBS will be responsible for coordination and scheduling with 701 Walnut Partnership, LLC's design team and the construction of 701 Walnut Partnership, LLC's new building.

Staff has negotiated a Professional Services Agreement with BBS for the amount of \$53,960 including reimbursable costs to provide design and construction phase services required for the Skywalk Bridge 7C-7D Repairs.

Staff is continuing to work with the City's property insurance carrier to recover the cost of this repair.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 19, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-2189](#)

Action: [Urban](#) Renewal Development Agreement with 701 Walnut Partnership, LLC for development of the east side of the former Younkers site at 701 Walnut Street and approving Conceptual Development Plan. ([Council Communication No. 16-706](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: December 8, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1903](#)

Action: [Urban](#) Renewal Development Agreement with Wilkins Building, LLC for an \$18.7 million historic restoration of 713 Walnut and approving Conceptual Development Plan. ([Council Communication No. 14-583](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions for Professional Services Agreement.

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