



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 3, 2020

Re: Authorize an Agreement with Walker Consultants for Professional Engineering Services Relative to Providing Enhanced Fall Protection and Other Self-Harm Deterrent Measures Within the Existing 5th & Walnut Street Parking Structure.

Executive Summary

Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional engineering services agreement with Walker Consultants for consulting services relative to providing enhanced fall protection and other self-harm deterrent measures within the existing 5th & Walnut Street Parking Structure.

Discussion

The City of Columbia has experienced several self-harm events at the 5th and Walnut Street Parking Structure since opening in 2011. Staff proposes to hire Walker Consultants to perform Phase 1- Conceptual Design consulting services relative to providing enhanced fall protection and other self-harm deterrent measures within the existing 5th & Walnut Street Parking Structure. As part of the engagement, staff would like Walker Consultants to participate in community engagement sessions to review enhanced fall protection options, industry data and other relevant information.

Walker Consultants has provided a scope of services and hourly not to exceed fee proposal to provide consulting services for the project. The services to be provided by Walker Consultants are outlined in the proposal under the section titled "Scope of Services", to include:

- Meet with the City to review project scope and schedule.
- Participate in up to three (3) community engagement meetings to discuss the following, anticipating the meetings will take place during a single trip to Columbia, Missouri.
 1. Restudy the current design of the Facility as it has been several years since originally designed.
 2. Investigate industry published documents and data relative to enhanced fall protection and other self-harm deterrent measures.
 3. Study examples of enhanced fall protection options and self-harm deterrent measures implemented at other parking facilities around the Country. (Note: Walker does not intend to provide any opinion or information regarding the mental health aspect of self-harm events during the community engagement process. We



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anticipate appropriate experts will be provided by the City and available as a resource to the community and Walker).

- Compile and organize input received during the community engagement process and provide a summary document to the City that includes options for implementation.
- Participate in a conference call with the City to review the summary document.
- Based on selections made by the City, develop conceptual design options for providing enhanced fall protection and other self-harm deterrent measures within the Facility.
- Participate in up to one (1) community engagement meeting to present and review the conceptual design options.
- Meet with the City to review the conceptual design options and select options for implementation.

Staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a professional engineering services agreement with Walker Consultants for a not to exceed amount of \$39,000 to provide the Phase I – Conceptual Design consulting services. The Phase I fee has sufficient hours to include code analysis and any optional garage design modifications should there be a need to implement certain code requirements based upon the outcome of the community meetings. Walker will only bill for hours they perform work, per the City's instructions based upon the recommendation outcome. It is our intent to negotiate a Phase II contract, if it is desired to proceed with Phase I recommendations.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The agreement with Walker Consultants for Phase I – Conceptual Design consulting services is for a not to exceed amount of \$39,000 and will be funded from the Parking Utility.

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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Legislative History

Date	Action
	None

Suggested Council Action

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