



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 18, 2024

Re: Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. Contract – Flat Branch Park Pedestrian Bridge

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting City Council authorization for the City Manager to sign a contract with Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a pedestrian bridge in Flat Branch Park. The contract, totaling \$187,000, will authorize Emery Sapp & Sons (ESS) to purchase a 60-foot long pedestrian bridge that will connect the existing park to the new section of the park along Providence Road adjacent to the Gateway Plaza. Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. has pledged to donate the labor and materials necessary to construct the bridge substructure and set the bridge in place upon delivery. The total value of the donation is \$50,000. Once ESS has completed the installation of the bridge, park staff will complete the remaining site work including final grading, sidewalk installation, landscaping and park lighting.

Discussion

On March 15, 2021, City Council approved the Flat Branch Park capital improvement project and appropriated funds to complete the proposed work. Since that date, park staff and Allstate Consultants, LLC. have been working on site cleanup, creek restoration and engineering related to the installation of the bridge that will connect the two sections of the park. Additional fundraising was completed by the Mayor's Task Force for the Bicentennial Celebration and those funds, totaling \$85,000, were appropriated to the capital improvement project at the Sept. 19, 2022 City Council meeting. Park staff has been working through the procurement steps for the next phase of the project including the fabrication and installation of the pedestrian bridge that will connect two sections of the park.

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval of an ordinance that would authorize a contract with Emery Sapp & Sons for the construction of a pedestrian bridge at Flat Branch Park. The scope of work for ESS includes bridge procurement, bridge substructure construction and setting the pedestrian bridge in place at the park.

The construction of the Flat Branch Park expansion project includes the installation of one bridge, approximately 60 feet in length, across the Flat Branch Creek. Allstate Consultants, LLC. has completed all preliminary work associated with bridge construction and installation including topographic cross-sections for floodway evaluation, floodway analysis of the proposed bridge location and FEMA approval of the crossing. Allstate Consultants, LLC. has also provided design criteria for the design/build scenario for the bridge including abutment elevations, span lengths and necessary geotechnical studies.



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Parks and Recreation staff worked with the City's Purchasing Department to competitively bid the fabrication and delivery of the pedestrian bridge but were not able to successfully award this portion of the project. Emery Sapp & Sons had previously agreed to construct the end walls for the bridge and complete the bridge installation at no charge to the City. After additional discussion, ESS provided a pricing proposal to complete all facets of the bridge installation project. This contract will authorize ESS to complete the bridge construction work at the park. As part of the ESS donation, a plaque will be placed at the bridge in memory of Justin Gay, long-time employee of Emery Sapp & Sons.

The total cost of the contract is \$187,000 and is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax and community donations. The value of the labor and materials donation by ESS is \$50,000. Park staff will complete all remaining portions of the project including park lighting, sidewalk construction, creek stabilization and landscaping. It is anticipated that all work will be completed by late fall 2025.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total cost of the improvement project is \$585,000 and is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax and donations. The total cost of the ESS contract, totaling \$187,000, will be funded out of this project budget.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Legislative History

| Date | Action |
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| 2/6/23 | B19-23: Authorizing the fabrication and installation of a bridge across Flat Branch Creek as part of the Flat Branch Park expansion park; providing for the fabrication and installation of the improvement using a design/build contract. B19-23 |
| 9/19/22 | B263-22: Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating donated funds to offset costs associated with the purchase of a bridge as part of the Flat Branch Park expansion project. B263-22 |
| 3/15/21 | B95-21: Authorizing construction of the Flat Branch Park expansion project to include site reclamation, building demolition, installation of sidewalks, stairs, retaining walls, lighting and landscaping, and restoration of the creek bank; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division; amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds. B95-21 |



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| 12/07/20 | B332-20: Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) for Development of the Gateway Plaza and Approving Flat Branch Park Master Plan. B332-20 |
| 10/21/19 | B316-19: Construction of a right turn lane and sidewalk on SE Corner of Providence and Broadway. B316-19 |
| 06/03/19 | REP54-19: Flat Branch Park Compromise Plan. REP54-19 |
| 05/06/19 | PH19-19: Public Hearing: Consider proposed options for Flat Branch Park Expansion and Master Plan. PH19-19 |
| 10/17/16 | B273-16: Acquisition of property at 32 S. Providence Rd from Roth Properties, LLP. B273-16 |

Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. for the construction of a bridge at Flat Branch Park.