



Staff Report

TO: City Council

FROM: Robert L. Vestal, Public Works Director
Vincent Lopez, Project Manager

DATE June 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Agreement for Environmental Consulting Services for the Cherry Channel Drainage Project

Description Award a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to The Chambers Group for Environmental Consulting Services for the Cherry Channel Drainage Project.

Background and Analysis:

The City of Beaumont is in the process of preparing engineering design plans to line the Cherry Channel with concrete. The Cherry Channel Drainage Project is an existing trapezoidal earthen channel along Cherry Avenue between Cougar Way and Oak Valley Parkway. The existing channel is lined with a turf-reinforced geo-mat along the side slope and channel bottom. The existing geo-mat is in poor condition with many sections torn or missing. The channel is adversely affected by urban runoff.

The constant supply of nutrient-rich runoff has increased the City's maintenance cost and efforts. The City is seeking to alleviate this increased cost and efforts by lining the section of the channel with concrete. The Project's alignments and grades will be maintained, as well as all existing junction structures for the Channel.

On November 20, 2023, the City Council awarded an agreement to EXP for the engineering design of the Channel. The design of the Channel is currently 30% completed pending any outcomes and finding from the environmental document. Once the environmental document is completed, any findings will be incorporated into the design to complete the plans and specifications.

On February 12, 2024, the City published the request for proposals (RFP) for Environmental Consulting Services in the Public Purchase (City's Procurement System) and the Press Enterprise (local newspaper). On March 1, 2024, the City also published answers to questions posted by interested proposers to the RFP. The proposal due date was extended to March 28, 2024, via Addendum No. 2.

On March 28, 2024, the City received nine (9) proposals from qualified consulting firms interested in providing professional Environmental Consulting Services for the Cherry Channel:

- Compass Consulting
- Jennings Environmental, LLC
- Michael Baker International
- MIG
- Psomas
- The Chambers Group
- UES
- Watearth
- Albert A. Webb and Associates

On April 19, 2024, Staff finalized evaluations and ranked these firms based on top score. Staff opened the top-ranked firm's cost proposal and reviewed its fees. Based on price, the top-ranked firm's cost proposal exceeded the City allocated budget for this service and, therefore, proceeded to open the second-ranked firm's cost proposal. Upon review of this cost proposal, staff scheduled a meeting with The Chambers Group to negotiate their proposed scope of services and fees.

On May 3, 2024, The Chambers Group submitted a revised scope of services and cost proposal to the City. The revised scope of services and cost proposal is commensurate with the scope and fee for the Environmental Consulting Services required for this Project. The cost proposal includes optional items that may be needed pending the results of some of the environmental investigations. If these items are not needed, this will result in a decrease in the final price. Based on the schedule included in the original proposal, The Chambers Group anticipates a six-month duration for submission of the final environmental document, jurisdictional delineation, and preparation of regulatory permit applications.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of preparing this staff report is estimated to be \$750.

The Chambers Group's cost to prepare and complete the required environmental documents is \$164,566. Funding for the Project is provided by CIP project R-07 Cherry Channel Drainage. The following is a summary of the project accounting.

| R-07 Cherry Channel Drainage Project Accounting Summary | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Funding Summary | | | | |
| Funding Year | Funding Source | | Amount | |
| FY 21/22 | General Funds | | \$750,000 | |
| Total Project Funding = | | | \$750,000 | |
| Budget Summary | | | | |
| Project Component | Budget | Encumbered | Paid to Date | Remaining Budget |
| Project Management | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Preliminary Services | \$7,930 | (\$7,930) | (\$7,930) | \$0 |
| Environmental | \$165,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$165,000 |
| Design | \$100,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| Construction | \$455,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$455,000 |
| Construction Management | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Permits | \$22,070 | \$0 | \$0 | \$22,070 |
| Equipment | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| . | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Project Summary Totals | \$750,000 | (\$7,930) | (\$7,930) | \$742,070 |

Recommended Action:

Award a Professional Services Agreement to The Chambers Group for Environmental Consulting Services for the Cherry Channel Drainage Project in an amount not to exceed \$164,566.

Attachments:

- A. Proposal – The Chambers Group
- B. Professional Services Agreement – The Chambers Group
- C. Levine Act Statement