



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager
DATE November 1, 2022
SUBJECT: 6th Street Medians Retrofit – Master Plan and Conceptual Designs

Description Review of 6th Street medians conceptual designs by Architerra Design Group.

Background and Analysis:

In August 2019, City Council authorized staff to remove approximately 45 Cypress trees from the medians on 6th Street between Highland Springs Avenue and Illinois Avenue. The decision to remove these trees was based on a certified arborist report presented at the meeting.

Staff retained the services of a landscape architect firm, Architerra Design Group, to provide two different options for the median retrofit project. Each option includes a hardscape solution, as well as a second separate solution including landscaping combined with hardscape (Attachment A). Each option is also divided into three separate phases, with Phase 1 starting at Highland Springs Avenue and subsequent phases moving westerly towards Illinois Avenue. Phase 1 also includes a concrete monument sign with lighting.

At the October 25, 2022 Budget Workshop, City Council programmed \$2,000,000 towards this project and the final approval is on tonight's agenda included in the capital improvement program public hearing.

Architerra has provided their opinion of probable construction costs with detailed line items for each option and phase.

Option 1 is the costliest of the two options with several enhancements not found in Option 2, including: 4" etched finish and cobble paving, and accent boulders within the proposed landscaping. Option 2 is crushed granite only. Both options include colored concrete paving and shredded mulch throughout the medians in appropriate areas. Both options include optional landscaping improvements and new irrigation.

Fiscal Impact:

This project is funded from available fund balance and included in the updated capital improvement projects presented to City Council tonight.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council approve Option No. 1 with the hardscape solution and authorize staff to move forward with retaining a consultant to design drawings and construction bid package in accordance with the Beaumont Municipal Code procurement procedures.

Attachments:

- A. 6th Street Median Retrofit – Master Plan
- B. Opinion of Probable Construction Costs