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DATE: 08/14/2019

ISSUE: Volkert Associates Proposal to provide professional services related to Gulf Beach District Improvements.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Volkert from ALDOT’s Prequalified Engineers list and accept their proposal to provide professional services related to the revitalization of the Gulf Beach District in an amount not to exceed \$424,754 which is approximately 9.1% of the total project cost. The professional scope of services included in Volkert’s proposal are as follows:

Environmental Permitting	\$11,205.00
Geotechnical Engineering & Testing	\$30,500.00
Engineering & ALDOT Permitting	\$182,759.00
<u>Construction Engineering & Inspection</u>	<u>\$200,290.00</u>
Total	\$424,754.00

BACKGROUND: The Gulf Beach District is one of the City’s five action items in our Vision 2025 Strategic Plan and was envisioned “*as a walkable, energetic beachfront district that will attract tourism, stimulate local businesses and encourage business and residential relocation*”. Some of the Gulf Beach District’s key goals of our Vision 2025 Strategic Plan that will be achieved through this project are:

1. Quant, Landscaped Boulevards...
2. Construct a Beachfront that is pedestrian and bike friendly with access to beachfront dining, shopping and entertainment...
3. Rejuvenate the face of our community by enriching the experience to live, work, play...
4. Take advantage of the Gulf Place Public Beach...

This project will include new roadways, sidewalks, landscaping, on-street parking, street lighting and stormwater infrastructure.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Adoption of the Vision 2025 Strategic Plan. Acceptance of the TAP Grant and ACAMP Grants and Embassy Suites Development Agreement.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: The City is going to receive \$2,060,000 from outside funding sources to assist with the Gulf Beach District construction costs including an \$800,000 TAP Grant for sidewalks, \$60,000 ACAMP Grant for Master Planning the Stormwater System and \$1,200,000 for parking improvements provided through the Embassy Suites development agreement.



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\$225,000 in funding for the design phase has been budgeted in FY 2019, Account #43-879-6554, Beach Walking District. The CE&I expenditures will be budgeted in FY 2020.

RELATED ISSUES: Vision 2025 – Gulf Beach District

ATTACHMENTS:

- Volkert Proposal
- Master Plan

DEPARTMENT: Public Works General Services

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