

DATE: September 30, 2020

ISSUE: Award McElhenney Construction, LLC the bid to enhance the Beach Walking District by constructing new transportation, drainage and landscaping improvements.

RECOMMENDATION: Award Beach Walking District Phase I contract to McElhenney Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,310,000.00.

BACKGROUND: The City opened bids on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 for the Beach Walking District Phase I. McElhenney Construction, LLC was the lowest conforming bidder with a total bid amount of \$5,307,525.29. As this is a unit bid contract, Engineering recommends award of the contract to McElhenney in an amount not to exceed \$5,310,000.00.

The Beach Walking 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 Beach Walking District's key goals of our Vision 2025 Strategic Plan that will be achieved through this project are:

1. Quaint, 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. Award of the design to Volkert Associates.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: There is \$2,000,000 budgeted in Account #43-879-65540 for FY 2020. The remaining costs are being budgeted in FY 2021.

RELATED ISSUES: None

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bid Tabulation

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

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