

ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 9, 2015		DATE SUBMITTED: May 21, 2015	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Public Works - Engineering		SUBMITTED BY: W. Paul Kaspar	
MEETING TYPE:	CLASSIFICATION:	ORDINANCE:	STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:
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AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consider approving a reimbursement resolution to reimburse the General Fund from future bond issuance for a not to exceed amount of \$692,000.00 for the Old Hearne Road Phase 1 Project Design Services Contract, City Project Number 332-411-425-611-DE-1506.			
SUMMARY STATEMENT: The design services contract for Old Hearne Road Phase 1 Project discussed below is to be considered on the same agenda as this reimbursement resolution. The intent is to award the design services contract from the General Fund and then reimburse that fund from future bond proceeds. It is anticipated the bonds issued in 2016 will be used to reimburse the General Fund.			
<p>The Old Hearne Road Phase 1 Project is listed in the City's approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2014-2018. It is shown to be funded for design and right-of-way acquisition in Fiscal Year 2016 with future plans for construction funding in FY2020. In previous CIP discussions with the City Council, it was decided to accelerate the design to start in 2015 with hopes the construction funding could occur earlier as well, if all of the right-of-way is acquired in a timely manner.</p> <p>The roadway is listed as a collector on the Thoroughfare Plan and serves significant vehicular and pedestrian travel through the area. It provides a direct connection between Bonham and Navarro school campuses as well as access to local shopping. Currently there are no sidewalks along this section of Old Hearne Road and the roadway is two lanes without shoulders or turn lanes. The project will significantly enhance the safety and travel efficiency of this section of Old Hearne Road and will complement the work that is under design with similar improvements along Wilkes and Old Hearne Road to the Wilhelm intersection.</p> <p>This project will reconstruct Old Hearne Road from Wilhelm to Texas Avenue and a short section of Sims Avenue; from Texas Avenue across the railroad tracks to Ash Street. Approximately 4,750 linear feet of Old Hearne Road will be widened to a 38 foot wide 3-lane concrete curb and gutter section, with sidewalks adjacent to the back of curb on both sides of the road, street lighting and a storm sewer system. A 400 linear foot section of Sims Avenue would receive a similar treatment except the roadway will be 27 feet wide as this section of Sims is not on the Thoroughfare Plan as a collector as Old Hearne is and the existing railroad crossing would have to be widened, which would be unlikely. Union Pacific has previously asked to close this crossing so they will not be in favor of widening. Additionally there will be concurrent replacement of approximately 4,300 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines and 5,500 linear feet of water line including looping and increases in sizing to improve flows, capacities and conditions of these utility systems in this area. Finally, there will be a new traffic signal system installed at the intersection of Texas Avenue and Old Hearne Road, with ADA facilities and enhanced pedestrian features and crosswalk striping to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety.</p>			

To secure design services for this project the City of Bryan sent Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) to 5 firms with local offices and experience in this type of work who were prequalified under the 2012 Professional Services RFQ process. We received Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) from all 5 firms, and evaluated the firms in 5 areas: a) Competence and Qualifications of leadership and staff, b) workload, capacity and meeting schedule dates, c) the specific approach for this project, d) knowledge of City of Bryan codes, requirements, design criteria, and local site conditions, e) Prior experience on existing project that is proposed for continuation or modification. After the evaluations were completed, City staff selected the two (2) best qualified firms based on their submitted SOQ and invited them for interviews. The interviews were conducted and the engineering firm of Jones and Carter, Inc. was selected as the most qualified firm in which to enter into negotiations for a design contract. Negotiations were conducted over approximately two (2) weeks and an agreement was reached with regard to scope and cost and a design contract was drafted for City Council consideration (see attached).

As there will be significant right-of-way or easement to be acquired in some locations along Old Hearne Road where there is narrowing of the right of way width, the surveying work for those items are included in this contract; however, the City will contract with and use its own Land Agents to acquire the parcels or easements.

The preliminary construction cost for this project is projected at \$7,118,000. The negotiated cost of design services for this contract is \$692,000.00, which is 9.7% of the estimated construction cost. The design completion is scheduled for September 2017 and construction is estimated to be 15 months. If all right-of-way acquisition can be completed during the design phase and funding for construction provided earlier than shown in the current CIP (currently 2020), the earliest estimated time for project completion is in December 2018.

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully requests the City Council approve the reimbursement resolution so that the Design Services Contract for Old Hearne Road Phase 1 Project, City Project Number 332-411-425-611-DE-1506, can be funded and awarded, based on City Council approval, on June 9, 2015. This action will allow the design of this project to begin in the summer of 2015 to accurately determine the needed right-of-way for the project so acquisitions might happen during the final project design.

OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):

1. Approve the resolution
2. Do not approve the resolution.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Resolution

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund - \$692,000.00 to be reimbursed by future bonds

APPROVALS: Jayson E. Barfknecht 05/26/15; Hugh R. Walker, 05/30/2015

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY MANAGER Kean Register, 06/01/2015

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY Janis K. Hampton, 06/02/2015

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS, EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY OF BRYAN TO REIMBURSE \$692,000.00 OF CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bryan, Texas (the “Issuer”) is a home-rule municipality and political subdivision of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer expects to pay expenditures in connection with the Old Hearne Road Phase 1 Project Design Services Contract, City Project Number 332-411-425-611-DE-1506; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer finds, considers, and declares that the reimbursement of the Issuer for the payment of such expenditures will be appropriate and consistent with the lawful objectives of the Issuer and, as such, chooses to declare it intention, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations, to reimburse itself for such payments at such time as it issues obligations to finance the above mentioned project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

Section 1.

The Issuer reasonably expects to incur expense for the City of Bryan from the General Fund, with an aggregate maximum amount not to exceed \$692,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Old Hearne Road Phase 1 Project Design Services Contract, City Project Number 332-411-425-611-DE-1506.

Section 2.

All costs to be reimbursed pursuant hereto will be capital expenditures. No tax exempt obligations will be issued by the Issuer in furtherance of this Statement after a date which is later than 18 months after the later of (1) the date the expenditure are paid or (2) the date on which the property, with respect to which such expenditures were made, is placed in service.

Section 3.

The foregoing notwithstanding, no tax-exempt obligation will be issued pursuant to the Statement more than three years after the date any expenditure which is to be reimbursed is paid.

Section 4.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BRYAN CITY COUNCIL ON THE 9th DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS:

Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary

Jason P. Bienski, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janis K. Hampton, City Attorney