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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

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**TO:** Mayor & City Council

**DATE:** July 11, 2012

**FROM:** John McDonough, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consideration of Approval and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Construct Phase IV of the Abernathy Greenway Project (T-0002) Subject to Validation and Approval by the Legal and Finance Departments and the Georgia Department of Transportation and to Award a Construction and Inspection Engineering Contract to Atkins

**MEETING DATE:** For Submission onto the July 17, 2012, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)*

See attached:

Memorandum  
Resolution

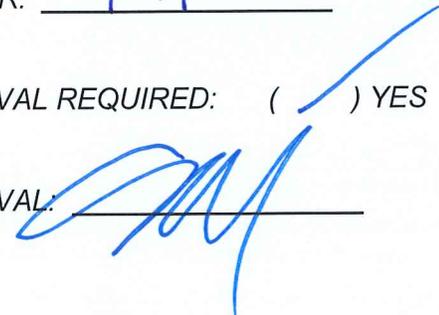
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APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER:                                          APPROVED

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PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:                     7/17/2012                    

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: (  ) YES (  ) NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL:                                         

REMARKS:



TO: John McDonough, City Manager

FROM: Ronnie Young, Recreation and Parks Director

DATE: July 9, 2012, for Submission onto the Agenda of the July 17, 2012, City Council Meeting

ITEM: Consideration of Approval and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Construct Phase IV of the Abernathy Greenway Project (T-0002) Subject to Validation and Approval by the Legal and Finance Departments and the Georgia Department of Transportation and to Award a Construction and Inspection Engineering contract to Atkins

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***Public Works Department's Recommendation:***

Bids were received on June 28, 2012 for the construction of the Abernathy Greenway Phase IV (T-0002.) The results were:

Bidder:	Base Bid:	Alt. 1:	Alt. 2:
1. Triscapes, Inc.	\$898,540.50	\$177,375	\$415,000
2. Johnson Landscapes, Inc.	\$1,807,706.00	\$114,111.25	\$155,219.10
3. Precision 2000, Inc.	\$2,023,600.00	\$2,022,500	\$223,000
4. GA Development Partners	\$2,057,750.37	\$2,037,026.70	\$167,315.02
5. Reeves Contracting, Co.	nonresponsive	n/a	n/a

Staff recommends award to Johnson Landscapes, Inc. pending validation of bid information by the Legal and Finance Departments as well as the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Additionally, staff recommends that a construction and inspection engineering (CIE) contract be awarded to Atkins for construction oversight, materials testing, shop drawing review, and various reporting requirements associated with a federally funded project. The contract will include a not to exceed amount of \$124,969.10 as specified in the attached scope of services and will cover the eight month construction period.

***Background:***

This project includes construction of a trail on the northern side of Abernathy Road between Wright Road and Brandon Mill Road, stairs and associated retaining walls, plazas, irrigation system, landscaping, and limited pedestrian scale lighting. Alternative one was the option to supplement a gravel pave system for the permeable concrete pavers included in the base bid. Alternative two is for the park improvements east of Wright Road which would include some additional trail, stairs, pedestrian scale lighting and landscaping. At this time, staff does not recommend awarding either bid alternative.

***Discussion:***

The City's FY 2012 Amended Budget for this Capital project has funds available to cover this construction as well as CIE services. Additionally, the City will be utilizing an \$800,000 Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant from the GDOT to cover a portion of the construction costs. The project was advertised for bids beginning in late May 2012. A pre-bid conference with interested bidders was held on June 12, 2012. The contractor will have two hundred and forty (240) available days to complete the project.

***Alternatives:***

Two alternatives are:

1. Recommend award of the construction contract for the project once bids are approved by GDOT and to award a CIE contract to Atkins for professional services.
2. Reject the current bids and re-advertise. Rejecting the bids could delay the project and may jeopardize the current TE funds.

***Financial Impact:***

This project has available funding as amended in the City's FY 2012 Capital Budget along with the TE grant to cover the construction cost and CIE professional services.

***Attachment:***

- I. Scope for Atkins professional services
- II. Resolution

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STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON LANDSCAPES, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ABERNATHY GREENWAY PHASE IV PROJECT (T-0002) AND A CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO ATKINS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTS FOR THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary, from time to time, to establish policies, procedures and guidelines consistent with the administration of a municipal government consistent with the US Constitution, Federal Statutes, alignment with Federal, Georgia's State Constitution, and the Charter for the City of Sandy Springs and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Recreation and Parks, in response to the guidance provided by the City Manager, has received a bid from Johnson Landscapes, Inc and a proposal for construction and inspection engineering services from Atkins for the construction and inspection services of the Abernathy Greenway Phase IV Project, Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia,

**WHEREAS** the City Manager directed the Department of Recreation and Parks to develop standard policies for recurring matters, to establish appropriate internal controls and legal compliance, and to provide for an efficient and effective means to serve constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, upon adoption of this Resolution, City of Sandy Springs Recreation and Parks Department staff will manage all applicable phases of the construction and construction inspection and engineering contracts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA**

That they receive, accept, and affirm the authorization for the City Manager to execute contracts with the selected contractor, Johnson Landscape, Inc., and Atkins for construction and engineering inspection pending bid approval by the Georgia Department of Transportation, for the construction of the Abernathy Greenway Phase IV Project, Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia.

**RESOLVED** this the 17th day of July 2012.

Approved:

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Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

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Michael D. Casey, City Clerk  
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