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City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 08/07/2017
Recommended by: Steve Hardesty
Prepared by: Steve Hardesty, Community Services Director
Finance Director Review: Celina Morris
City Attorney Review: Brett Wallace
Approved by: Larry Rains **Date Submitted:** 07/18/2017
Type of Action Requested: Ordinance

SUBJECT:

Consideration of a contract for Project Management Consulting on the Community Recreation Center Project with Ted Hawkins of Gravity Research, LLC.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council to approve the contract with Gravity Research to provide consulting on the Community Recreation Center Project.

DISCUSSION:

Voters approved a bond measure in 2006 for the construction of a Community Recreation Center. Many steps have been taken since to continue to develop this project including the selection of a Design-Build team, Haydon Building Corporation, who chose Architekton to partner in the design elements. Recently, the City and the design team concluded stakeholders meetings, public outreach, and programming meetings to develop an approved schematic design. The project is now entering into a very important period of the pre-construction phase with design development discussions. Staff believes it is time to bring a consultant into the project to act in the City's best interests, help with the design and eventually monitor the construction phase.

The City of Casa Grande has negotiated with Gravity Research, L.L.C., managed by Ted Hawkins, to provide overall project management services for this project. Services will include consultation on the remaining planning, design, engineering and construction of the Community Recreation Center. Ted has a depth of experience working with these type of projects and has a good track record of similar work with the City of Casa Grande, Haydon Building Corporation, and Architekton.

The contract for this engagement is the standard professional services agreement commonly used by the City of Casa Grande for these services. The scope of services for this contract has been documented by the proposal submitted by Gravity Research, L.L.C. Staff has elected to recommend that an agreement with Gravity Research is in the best interests of the City for several key reasons. The principal of Gravity Research has vast knowledge of this project, extensive construction management skills, and experience with the City of Casa Grande's processes and standard building objectives. The City's Purchasing Code 3.04.060 (D), allows for an exemptions from bidding requirements for professional services. In addition, the cost of these services have been negotiated considerably less than industry standards, saving resources that can be invested into the facility itself.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed fixed-price fee for this project is \$100,000 per year, plus reimbursable costs. Duration of this agreement shall cover services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Continuance of this agreement into the next fiscal year will be at the City's discretion at a month-to-month rate of \$8,333.33 per month, plus reimbursable costs.

Reimbursable costs include the following items;

1. Mileage - Automobile mileage billed at \$ 0.50 per mile only for travel outside of Casa Grande and not daily travel between the Gravity Research office and Casa Grande.
2. Printing/Reproductions costs - Costs related to the reproduction of plans, specifications, and reports, as required, will be billed at cost.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the contract with Gravity Research, LLC.
2. Deny this request.
3. Task staff with additional research and reporting to be considered by the City Council prior to taking further action on this item.

Attachments

[Ord. No. 3028](#)

[Gravity Research Proposal](#)
