



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Doug Story, Community Services Director  
**DATE:** August 2, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Update on Veterans and First Responders Memorial Plaza Improvement Project

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### Background and Analysis:

After the success of the inaugural Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony City staff was instructed to re-establish the First Responder and Veterans Memorial Committee to begin discussions on renovating the current plaza area in front of City Hall. The committee consisted of city staff and community stakeholders such as:

Councilmember Mike Lara  
Anita Worthen  
Jim Lillibridge  
Bob Tinker  
Michael Granada

The committee began meeting on December 9, 2021. At this time discussions began and direction was given to solicit the services of a landscape architect who could redesign the current layout of memorial plaza and address the needs for ADA accessibility, future expansion, and to provide areas for community members to remember and pay respects to Beaumont residents who had served this country in the armed forces or served this community as a first responder.

On February 10, 2022, a Professional Services Agreement was executed between the City of Beaumont and Architerra Design Group in the amount of \$15,825 for conceptual plans of an expanded and remodeled memorial plaza area.

The conceptual plan includes:

- New hardscape areas around plaza to address accessibility and expansion,

- Water features,
- New lighting,
- New landscape and turf,
- New electrical and lighting,
- Relocation of flags,
- Preservation of current memorial monuments,
- Security cameras, and
- Additional seating.

Once design and construction documents are complete, public bids will be released and a contract will be awarded for construction of the memorial plaza.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated cost to prepare this report is \$175. Funding for this project is allocated through the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Fiscal Year 2023-2027. Project No. P-14 has designated \$1,750,000 for design and construction and Project No. P-15 has designated \$50,000 for security cameras in the plaza.

<b>Memorial Plaza Improvement Project</b>				
<b>Project Components</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Paid to Date</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Project Management				
Preliminary Services				
Environmental				
Design	\$95,000.00	\$(15,825.00)	\$5,367.85	\$79,175.00
Construction	\$1,643,000.00			\$1,643,000.00
Construction Management	\$12,000.00			\$12,000.00
Permits				
Equipment				
<b>Project Accounting Summary</b>				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,750,000.00</b>	<b>\$(15,825.00)</b>	<b>\$5,367.85</b>	<b>\$1,734,175.00</b>

**Recommended Action:**

Receive and file the concept plans and digital renderings. Make any suggestions or remarks pertaining to the improvement plans of the Veterans and First Responders Memorial Plaza, and Direct staff to proceed with a Request for Proposal for Professional Services of a Landscape Architect for full design of the plaza to include engineered plans and complete construction documents.

**Attachments:**

- A. Concept Plans
- B. Digital Renderings