

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Mott's Green Plaza P.I. #0015287 (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 21-0037
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a construction contract with JHC Corporation, Inc. (Peachtree City, GA) in the amount of \$1,423,636.25 for the Mott's Green Plaza project.

JHC Corporation, Inc. will construct a trail, and provide landscape improvements, along the Columbus Riverwalk. The work primarily involves installation of concrete paving and decorative planters and structures with landscaping.

Bid Specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on June 9, 2021. Two bids were received by the due date of July 14, 2021. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

Contractors	Original Unit Price Bid (RFB 21-0037)	*Revised Bid
JHC Corporation, Inc. (Peachtree City, GA)	\$ 1,170,921.25	\$ 1,423,636.25
Earth-Scapes, Inc. (Phenix City, AL)	\$ 1,280,065.00	

*The Engineering Department documents the following events:

- Earth-Scapes, Inc. was originally selected as the contractor (RFB No. 21-0007). Due to the amount of time that elapsed between the submission of bids and receiving an executed contract from GDOT, Earth-Scapes, Inc. was unable to maintain the submitted pricing.
- A re-bid was issued in July 2021. JHC was the low bidder. Due to the selection of a new contractor, modifications to the GDOT agreement were required. Additionally, more funds were requested for the increased bid cost.

- There were many delays with coordination of the grant. GDOT personnel were still working from home. The agreement was dated September 9, 2022, but not fully executed until February 1, 2023 due to delays.
- In 2023, contractors were experiencing delays in availability of materials. Engineering also had delays last year due to the Whitewater Event held October 9-14. The department did not want construction underway, and the Riverwalk closed during the event window.
- Material costs have increased substantially since the bids received on RFB 21-0037, July 14, 2021. Due to these increases, the Engineering Department asked JHC to provide a revised bid. The department attempted to value engineer the revised bid but was not satisfied with the reduced scope/bid.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: T-SPLOST Projects Fund – Capital Projects – T-SPLOST – General Construction – Mott’s Green M230; 0510-660-7000-7761-65014-20230.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH JHC CORPORATION, INC. (PEACHTREE CITY, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,423,636.25 FOR THE MOTT’S GREEN PLAZA PROJECT.

WHEREAS, JHC Corporation, Inc. will construct a trail, and provide landscape improvements, along the Columbus Riverwalk. The work primarily involves installation of concrete paving and decorative planters and structures with landscaping.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a construction contract with JHC Corporation, Inc. (Peachtree City, GA) in the amount of \$1,423,636.05 for the Mott’s Green Plaza project. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: T-SPLOST Projects Fund – Capital Projects – T-SPLOST – General Construction – Mott’s Green M230; 0510-660-7000-7761-65014-20230.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Begly voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Thomas voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor