

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 119, 2026, Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Enter into a Contract with HDR, Inc., for Professional Services for a Period Longer Than Five Years for the Design and Construction Support of the North Mason Stormwater Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on September 1, 2026, authorizes the Purchasing Agent, pursuant to City Code Section 8-186(a), to enter into a contract with HDR, Inc., for a period longer than five years in length, for professional services for the design and construction support of the proposed North Mason Stormwater Project. Contracts authorized under the Ordinance would be extended up to the completion of the project. Design for the project began in 2019 and is expected to be completed in 2029, with pauses to better formulate the project. Under the current scenario, without the Ordinance, the existing contract would expire before the design could be completed, a situation that would result in logistical and cost ramifications for the project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

FIRST READING BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The North Mason Stormwater Project will continue with final design and construction of stormwater infrastructure for the North Mason Street transportation corridor. The project will result in the construction of new stormwater infrastructure from the Hickory Regional Detention Pond, north of Hickory Street, to the Cache la Poudre River along the North Mason Street corridor. This project will support development and redevelopment in the area and protect and improve the Poudre River watershed and ecological health.

The North Mason Stormwater Project design was paused after preliminary stages of utilities design while right-of-way ("ROW") and road alignments could be evaluated. During the design pause, Utilities also coordinated with the Parks Department and Natural Areas Department for long term planning and to align project outcomes, and Lake Canal Company to evaluate outfall options. Recently, the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority was approved, so the Engineering Department will pursue acquisition of new ROW and road design for the North Mason Corridor. Concurrently with the ROW acquisition, the utilities design is now being rebooted for completion.

HDR, Inc. was hired as the design consultant for the project since project initiation and continues to be the lead engineer for the infrastructure portion of the project. They have been an integral partner throughout the design and have critical knowledge of the project in terms of technical knowledge, critical design decisions, and risks associated with the project. Their contract is scheduled to expire before the end of 2026, however, the remaining design and construction is projected to be completed in 2029. There are approximately 12 months of design remaining to complete construction plans. Then, the utility construction phase is expected to take 12 months to complete. By extending the contract, HDR, Inc., will continue to be a critical collaborator throughout final design and construction of the North Mason Stormwater Project.

The timeline of the project is approximately 10 years, as described below:

- Conceptual Design and Alternatives Evaluation: 2019 – 2020
- Preliminary (60%) Design: 2020 – 2022
- Final (100%) Design and Bid Documents: May 2026 – June 2027
- Construction RFP and Contract: June 2027 – October 2027
- Preconstruction and Outreach: October 2027 – April 2028
- Construction: April 2028 – May 2029

City Code Section 8-186(a) states no contract for materials, services or professional services, including all renewals, shall be made by the City for a period longer than five (5) years, unless authorized by ordinance, which ordinance shall not be passed as an emergency.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This is a cost avoidance measure. Cost efficiencies will be realized by the City if the Purchasing Agent can enter into a contract for professional services more than five years for the North Mason Stormwater Project. The cost efficiencies occur when the contract is extended because there are added costs associated with soliciting a new design consultant and the schedule delay for construction completion.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public outreach for the project will be a part of the continuing design and part of the preconstruction and construction phases.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

First Reading attachments available in September 1, 2026, agenda materials at the following link: <https://fortcollins-co.municodemeetings.com/>.

1. Ordinance No. 119, 2026