



Town of Johnstown

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Town Alleyway Aesthetic Improvements

ACTION PROPOSED: Consider Proposal by BHA Design, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. BHA Design, Inc. Proposal for Alleyway Improvements

PRESENTED BY: Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

As the Council may recall, Town Staff was recently informed about the desire of Xcel Energy to replace a gas line on Parish Avenue. As part of the discussion with Xcel regarding this project, Staff advocated for the improvements to be made in the alleyway west of Parish Avenue. Some of the benefits of moving this work into the alley includes: eliminating the need for significant construction on the newly paved road of Parish Avenue, meters would have been set on the sidewalks in front of the businesses, impacting aesthetics of the Downtown, and portions of Parish would have been completely closed down for at least 3 weeks during the construction. This doesn't fully eliminate that there will be some small construction in isolated locations on Parish Avenue to abandon the existing line in Parish Ave., but this does mitigate significant construction and closure of Parish Avenue as a whole.

The Town and Xcel have agreed to move the gas line into the alley west of Parish Avenue and there is an opportunity to make improvements to this alleyway immediately adjacent to the downtown corridor. As part of these improvements, we are also working with Xcel Energy, Lumen, and TDS to underground their utilities in this alleyway. Another opportunity associated with the undergrounding is the ability to make significant aesthetic enhancements to the alleyway itself which could last a lifetime. Accordingly, the Town requested BHA Design provide a scope of services for design and engineering services if the Council wanted to move forward with making significant improvements to this alleyway, following the undergrounding of the utilities.

Enclosed for your review and consideration is the proposal provided by BHA Design. In the past they have worked with the Town on the aesthetic enhancements to the Highway 60 and I-25 overpass at the Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI). They were asked to provide a professional services bid based on the significant and aesthetically pleasing improvements that they facilitated at the I-25 Interchange. The proposed scope of services consists of both a standard services and optional services scope. As per the agreement, the standard services have an estimated cost of \$264,819 with the additional services totaling \$47,766.

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If the Council wants to proceed forward with this agreement, a budget amendment may be necessary for a portion of the work which would begin this year. Funding for this project if approved, would come from the Capital Improvements Fund. The total contract amount, including additional services would be \$312,615. At this time, funds are budgeted in the 2024 budget for construction and our estimate is \$1.5 million. This is based off a square foot improvement based on comparative projects that have happened along the Front Range at locations such as Longmont, Fort Collins, and Loveland.

If the Council desires not to pursue design enhancements associated with this project, the Town would move forward with completing the undergrounding of the utilities and the alleyway may or may not be resurfaced by the Town. If it is not, the contractor(s) would be responsible for bringing the alley back to its current condition. Staff believes this is a great opportunity to do the project considering the impact on the construction side and believe this will help facilitate another great enhancement to the downtown corridor.

LEGAL ADVICE:

The standard professional services agreement would be used for this contract.

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the proposal from BHA Design, Inc. with the amount not to exceed \$312,615.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

For Approval: I move to approve the professional services agreement with BHA Design, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$312,615 and authorize the Town Manager to sign the Professional Services Agreement.

For Denial: I move to deny the professional services agreement as presented with BHA Design, Inc.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,



Town Manager

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