

Montgomery City Council  
**AGENDA REPORT**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> June 28, 2022	<b>Budgeted Amount:</b> \$168,000 in FY21-22
<b>Department:</b> Admin	<b>Prepared By:</b> Dave McCorquodale

**Subject**

Consideration and possible action to approve the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation's expenditure of \$286,457.50 for engineering and design services for the McCown Street Improvements Project.

**Recommendation**

Approve the expenditure as presented.

**Discussion**

The MEDC has been leading an effort to revitalize the public spaces in the historic downtown. The improvement of streets and utility lines, along with the addition of public parking, sidewalks and pedestrian amenities has been a project on the horizon for a number of years. In 2021, the MEDC funded a downtown streetscape improvements master plan project that serves as a guiding vision for future downtown projects that was adopted by both the MEDC and City Council.

The next phase of the project is the redesign of McCown Street in the heart of downtown. The MEDC published a Request for Qualifications for the streetscape design that builds on the conceptual design in the previous project and culminates with construction-ready drawings for the rehabilitation of McCown Street between College and Caroline Streets.

This project is one of several focused on improving the infrastructure and public spaces in the downtown area. The McCown Street project was awarded to Gunda Corporation, a civil engineering firm. Gunda Corporation was also awarded the initial downtown design project. The design team is familiar with the site, familiar with the MEDC and city staff.

The MEDC has \$168,000 in the current budget available for the project. With a 9-month timeline, the project will span two fiscal years. The MEDC draft budget for FY 2022-2023 currently has \$335,000 allocated for Downtown Development Improvements.

The MEDC Board of Directors approved the Professional Services Agreement with Gunda Corporation at their June 20, 2022 meeting. The item exceeds the \$10,000 amount and requires City Council approval of the expenditure.

**Approved By**

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Interim City Administrator	Dave McCorquodale	Date: 06/23/2022