



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 26, 2017

Agenda Item 4A

Regular Meeting (Consent Agenda)

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Engineering Services

Recommended Council Action

Approve Ordinance

Context with Key Issues

Since 2010, the City has maintained three contracts for comprehensive engineering services to assist with the implementation of the ADA sidewalk compliance program, new sidewalk design, and neighborhood traffic calming requests. The City has had ongoing multi-year contracts with two firms and has found their services to be exemplary. The contract for the third firm has changed every few years and department staff has not been completely satisfied with the service provided by the third firm.

Recently the Department has worked with the engineering firm of A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. as a subcontractor on the Sligo Mill Playground project and would like to bring the firm on board to provide engineering services. A. Morton Thomas has a competitively bid contract with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission that the City could ride on for civil and site engineering services. The contract is in effect until October 17, 2018.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

Some projects require compliance with environmental laws related to tree protection and stormwater management.

Fiscal Impact of Action

Annual expenditures will depend on the nature and number of projects for which the contract is utilized and funding levels in the Capital and Special Revenue budgets.

Racial Equity Impact Statement

We do not believe this Council action will disproportionately impact any particular group.

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by: Councilmember

Single Reading:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-
AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CIVIL AND SITE ENGINEERING SERVICES**

- WHEREAS, the City's five-year Capital Improvement Program includes a variety of infrastructure projects, including but not limited to the construction of sidewalks, traffic calming and ADA sidewalk improvements, which require comprehensive design, engineering and construction inspection services to develop and complete; and
- WHEREAS, the City does not have sufficient capacity or technical resources available on staff to design, engineer, or oversee the construction of all aspects of planned projects; and
- WHEREAS, the Council previously authorized entering into contracts for comprehensive engineering services with three firms to ensure that the planned improvements are developed and constructed in a timely and cost-effective manner; and
- WHEREAS Public Works Department staff have identified the engineering firm of A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. working under contract with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- WHEREAS, the services to be provided by A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. under this contract meet the identified needs of the City; and
- WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the capital improvement budget to cover the anticipated cost of these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. for civil and site engineering services.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of July, 2017 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: