



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 27, 2018

### Agenda Item 3

#### **Voting Session**

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Contract for the Construction of the Flower Avenue Green Street Project

#### **Recommended Council Action**

Approve Ordinance

#### **Context with Key Issues**

The Flower Avenue Green Street project was designed to enhance pedestrian safety, provide traffic calming, improve bus stops and reduce environmental impacts by installing energy efficient lighting and stormwater treatment facilities along a 1-mile segment of Flower Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Carroll Avenue.

After several years of project development and community consultation, the City advertised for construction in January, 2018. Four bids were received on March 30, 2018 as follows:

E&R Services: \$5,775,875  
Fort Myer Construction: \$6,143,682.99  
Civil Construction: \$6,185,744  
A&M Concrete: \$6,657,894

The bid qualification review deemed all bidders to be qualified. Bid analysis conducted by both City and Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) found E & R Services to be the responsive and responsible bidder with the lowest price proposal.

In addition to the construction costs, the city will also have construction management costs, including inspection and testing. Those costs are estimated to be \$250,000, but may vary due to unforeseen conditions during construction.

The FY18 budget included \$318,129 in various funds (Capital and Special Revenue accounts) for the project including final design, site preparation and construction. The approved FY19 budget included \$5,418,955 for the project. The combined total is \$5,737,084. The lowest bid received exceeds the allocated funds by \$38,791. Together with the estimated construction management costs, additional funding of \$288,791 will be needed to complete the project, based on pricing known to date. This information was previously shared with the City Council. Most of this additional cost would be included in the first budget amendment in FY19.

The projected full cost of the design and construction of this project is estimated to be \$6,919,003 and has been in development since 2013. The majority of funding for this project (\$5,427,559 or 78%) came from grants or outside sources including a Transportation Alternative Grant of \$1,040,330, Community Development Block Grants totaling \$102,230, Montgomery County funding of \$200,000, a National Fish and Wildlife grant of \$168,750, and the original funding from State Highway Administration of \$696,000. Additionally, the City partnered with WSSC, sharing mobilization and traffic management costs for the

project. The amount for the design and construction of the WSSC portion of the project, which is entirely paid for by WSSC, is \$3,220,249.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All; Environmentally Sustainable Community

### **Environmental Impact of Action**

There are many environmental benefits from this project including lower energy use through LED street lighting, enhanced pedestrian access from new sidewalks, enhanced transportation options from improved bus stop locations and seven new bioretention facilities to treat stormwater runoff.

### **Fiscal Impact of Action**

The construction cost is \$5,775,875. A budget amendment will be required for the additional amount of the higher than budgeted bid amount. Since most of the increased amount of \$288,791 is likely to apply to FY19 expenditures, the budget amendment will be close to this amount.

### **Racial Equity Impact Statement**

The project will provide safer transportation connections and improvements for pedestrian of Wards 5, an area in the City with a large number of multi-family properties and home to many immigrants, low and moderate income, and minority populations.

### **Attachments and Links**

Draft Single Reading Ordinance

Website: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/flower-avenue-green-street-project>

Introduced by:

Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLOWER AVENUE GREEN STREET PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with City procurement procedures, the Public Works Department issued an RFP for the construction of the Flower Avenue Green Street Project; and

**WHEREAS,** of the four bids received, E&R Services was the lowest qualified responsible bidder; and

**WHEREAS,** the funds for construction are available in the Special Revenue and Capital Improvement Program budgets.

**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 E&R Services for construction of the Flower Avenue Green Street Project in the amount of Five Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$5,775,875).

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2018 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: