

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 8, 2007

**Public Works**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 47

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with COPLEY WOLFF DESIGN GROUP, Boston, MA, for design of the Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The total amount of the authorization consisting of the original agreement and this amendment is \$1,005,381.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Art Barrow, P.E., 974-7002; Humberto Rey, 974-7288; Laura Bohl, 974-7064.

**Purchasing Language:** Original recommendation was based on the best of six qualification statements received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 9.23% MBE and 0.0% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

**Prior Council Action:** 12/14/00 Compliance with Great Streets Master Plan mandated for downtown streetscapes, 05/03/01 Initial allocation of CMTA project funds, 12/05/02 Conversion of Second Street to two-way and construction per 2SRD plan, 04/24/003 Award of design contract to Copley Wolff Design Group, 06/10/04 Award of Phase I construction contract to J Reese, 09/01/5 Amendment to Copley Wolff Design Group professional services agreement.

In 1999, Council passed a resolution intended to ensure that the West Second Street area supports pedestrian and retail-oriented businesses that would complement the proposed City Hall as a major public destination. The resolution resulted in the reconfiguration of the two Computer Science Corporation buildings to include retail-type spaces on the ground floors. The City's proposed developer for the first floor retail spaces developed a retail and streetscape plan that converted Second Street to a shopping street with wide sidewalks shaded by trees.

In July 2001, Council approved funds to extend the Second Street Retail District streetscape plan eastward to the Convention Center at Trinity Street. The Second Street Retail District Plan was subsequently incorporated into the Great Streets Downtown Master Plan, completed in December 2001. The Great Streets Downtown Mater Plan's recommendations for Second Street were adopted by City Council in December 2002 as part of the Near-Term Central Business District Transportation Improvements. A Preliminary Engineering Study was conducted in 2002 that investigated the constraints within the corridor.

In April 2003, Council approved negotiation of a professional service agreement with the Copley Wolff Design Group for design of streetscape improvements. As a result of that agreement the consultant has assisted the City in defining a scope and limit of work that is within the project's budget and produced

schematic design and design development documents for the Phase II project area: Second Street from Colorado to Trinity Street and Brazos and Colorado from Cesar Chavez to Third Street.

In June 2004, Council approved a contract for construction of Phase I of the streetscape improvements: conversion of Second Street to two-way and Third Street to one-way, Second Street roadway reconstruction from Colorado to San Antonio Street, with associated utility infrastructure improvements, and installation of temporary sidewalks on the north side of Second Street from Lavaca to San Antonio Street. This work was completed prior to the opening of City Hall.

In July 2005, Council approved negotiation of an amendment to the existing professional services agreement with Copley Wolff Design Group to provide additional services necessary to implement Phase II improvements: construction documents, assistance with bidding and construction period services not included in the original contract or the Phase I contract.

Council approval is now sought to negotiate an amendment to the existing professional services agreement with the Copley Wolff Design Group to provide additional services necessary to implement Phase II improvements: construction documents, assistance with bidding and construction period services not included in the original contract or the Phase I contract.