

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 21

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 \$150,000. The total amount of the authorization consisting of the original agreement and this amendment is \$1,155,381.

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.

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MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 6.80% MBE and 0.00% 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. 11/8/07 Amendment to Copley Wolff Design Group professional services agreement.

In 1999 City 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.

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.