Contract and Land Management

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with THE BROUSSARD GROUP, INC., DBA TBG Partners, a Texas corporation, Austin, Texas for Design Services for the redevelopment of Auditorium Shores in the amount of $402,930 for a total authorization amount not to exceed $2,100,242.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of $402,930 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation 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 20.35% MBE and 20.35% WBE subcontractor participation to date.

Prior Council Action: September 2, 1998 – Resolution to finance New Town Lake Community Events Center and structured parking; September 3, 1998 – Ordinance to order election to finance venue project by a short term motor vehicle rental tax and authorize lease of Palmer Auditorium; December 10, 1998 – Resolution to negotiate lease of Palmer Auditorium with ARTS Center Stage; February 2, 1999 – Budget Amendment and Reimbursement Resolution; February 11, 1999 – Selection of EDAW Inc., as the Town Lake Park Master Planner; February 11, 1999 – Selection of Barnes, Taniguchi, Centerbrook Architects for the new Palmer Events Center; July 29, 1999 – Budget Transfer from Convention Center Operating Reserve to PARD for Phase I Town Lake Park Development; July 29, 1999 – Direct staff to prepare text amendments to the Land Development Code to allow development of those projects outlined in the Town Lake Master Plan; July 29, 1999 – Adopt conceptual Master Plan for Town Lake Park; September 2, 1999 – Approve an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code regarding use and development regulations for improvements in the Town Lake Park area of the Auditorium Shores Waterfront Overlay Subdistrict; September 9, 1999 – Amendment #1 to EDAW Inc., contract; December 19, 1999 – Selection of TBG Partners as the consultant for the first two phases of the Park; April 6, 2000 – Bid Package 1 - Demolition contract award to A &R Demolition; June 8, 2000 – Approval of a site plan for a portion of the Town Lake Park; June 29, 2000 – Bid Package 2 - Site Utilities and Drilled Piers contract award to Martin K. Eby Construction, Inc.; November 9, 2000 – Bid Package 3 - Main Building/Parking Facility Construction Contract to MW Builders; June 14, 2001 – Bid Package 4 - Access Road Construction Contract award to James Harper Landscaping; June 14, 2001 – Supplemental Amendment #1 to TBG Partners, Inc. for Town Lake Park Phase II design services; October 11, 2001 – Bid Package 5 - Town Lake Park Phase I Construction Contract award to L&R Landscape Services (WBE); March 21, 2002 – Bid Package 6 - Palmer Events Center Interior Signage contract award to Sign Crafters;
June 27, 2002 – Bid Package 7 - City Coliseum Demolition contract award to A&R Demolition; 
December 4, 2003 – Phase II Rebid, Riverside Drive modifications; 
March 2, 2005 – Resolution for amendment of professional services agreement for additional design 
services; 
August 4, 2004 – Resolution directing the City Manager to brief Council on cost estimate and impacts of reducing number of lanes in Riverside Drive; resolution relating to the configuration of Riverside Drive within Town Lake Park, award of a contract to reconstruct Riverside Drive

This amendment represents the implementation of the final phase of the original Town Lake Park Master Plan. The original master plan completed by EDAW Inc. in 1999 included four phases: Phase I - Palmer Auditorium & Long Center; Phase II - Butler Park, south of Riverside Drive; and Phase III & IV will include the parkland north of Riverside Drive.

The Broussard Group (TBG) has completed the construction designs for the first two phases of the project and is recommended to complete the last phase. Their work on the project began in 1999 and has continued through the fall of 2008 with the conclusion of Phase 2. Their work has included extensive interaction with stakeholders and the surrounding community. Because of TBG’s in-depth knowledge of the physical site and their understanding of the community dynamics involved in design decisions, their continued work on the final phase of this important project is essential to its successful completion. It has been determined that it is in the best interest of the project to retain the continued services of TBG for this final phase.

This contract will provide design services for the redevelopment of Auditorium Shores from schematic design through the preparation of construction documents. This project area is located between Lady Bird Lake to the north, Riverside Drive to the south, South 1st Street to the east and the Union Pacific railroad bridge to the west. This project will complete the redevelopment of the historically known Town Lake Park area.

It is anticipated that the design work will start in early 2009 and will be completed by the fall of 2009.