

## AGENDA



Thursday, May 21, 2009

**Contract and Land Management  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 13

**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 \$485,420 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,640,801.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$485,420 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

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

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**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) by meeting the goals with 5.38% MBE and 1.75% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

**Prior Council Action:** April 24, 2003 - Award of design contract to Copley Wolff Design Group; June 10, 2004 - Award of Phase I construction contract to J Reese; September 1, 2005 - Amendment to Copley Wolff Design Group professional services agreement; November 8, 2007 - Amendment to Copley Wolff Design Group professional services agreement; April 10, 2008 - 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 (now Silicon Laboratories) buildings to include retail-type spaces on the ground floors. Based on this the city, its consultants, and area developers defined a plan to recreate Second Street as a pedestrian-oriented street with wide sidewalks, shade trees and lined with active uses such as retail, restaurant or commercial uses.

In July 2001, City 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 Downtown Great Streets Master Plan, completed in December 2001. The Downtown Great Streets Master 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 identified constraints within the corridor.

In April 2003, City Council approved negotiation of a professional service agreement with the Copley Wolff Design Group for design of streetscape improvements for Second Street.

In June 2004, City Council approved a construction contract for 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, and associated utility infrastructure improvements. This work was completed prior to the opening of City Hall.

Phase I has been a complete success, transforming what was once an area of downtown full of empty warehouses and surface parking lots, into a thriving retail and residential district, anchored by the new City Hall.

In September 2005, City 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 (Second Street from Colorado Street to Trinity Street and Brazos and Colorado Streets from Cesar Chavez to Third Street) for development of construction documents, assistance with bidding and construction period services not included in the original contract or the Phase I contract.

In November 2007, City Council approved negotiation of an amendment to the existing professional services agreement with Copley Wolff Design Group to provide additional services necessary for the design of a 54-inch storm water line in Colorado Street.

In April 2008, City Council approved negotiation of an amendment to the existing professional services agreement with Copley Wolff Design Group to provide additional services necessary for the removal of Brazos Street portion of the project (i.e., street reconfiguration/reconstruction and associated amenities) and for the upsizing of the proposed storm water line within Brazos Street that will be constructed as a component of another project.

Council approval is now being sought to negotiate an amendment to the existing professional services agreement with Copley Wolff Design Group to provide additional services necessary to add a new 12-inch waterline within Second Street east of Congress and to divide the original Phase II project into Phases II and III. Phase II will now include Second Street from Congress Avenue to Colorado Street and Colorado Street from Cesar Chavez to Third Street. Phase III will include Second Street from Congress Avenue east to Trinity Street.

Phases II and III will provide a full build-out of the Great Streets Streetscape between Colorado Street & the Convention Center (Trinity Street). The improvements will include a 32-foot wide sidewalk on the north side with a double row of trees, to provide ample and shaded space for sidewalk cafes next to store fronts, a pattern already established by Phase I. The south side will include an 18-foot wide sidewalk and a single row of street trees. As part of Phases II and III, the Great Streets furnishings will be installed along the full length of the Second Street corridor, including benches, bike racks and trash receptacles.