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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Subject: Budget Amendment & Construction Contract Amendment - Firefighters Memorial Project

History

Shortly after Firefighters Park opened, the Troy Fire Department Women's Auxiliary began to plant trees in honor of those deceased volunteer firefighters who served five or more years devoting their time to serve their fellow citizens. A plaque was placed at each tree to recognize the individual and the time given to the City of Troy. This continued for many years with many trees being planted. Over time, however, the maintenance and cost associated with the trees became over burdensome. Many of the trees died due to various issues. Some were destroyed by disease or weather, while others were vandalized. The memorial plaques became overgrown and, in some cases, were stolen.

Constructing a permanent memorial has been a long-term goal of the Fire Department for many years. The Troy Firefighters Women's Auxiliary, who served for decades supporting the firefighters at incident scenes or helping families victimized by fire, officially disbanded in 2018. Using their remaining funds as "seed money," planning began for the Troy Firefighters Memorial.

A committee of firefighters was formed who developed the current memorial plans while working with the Department of Public Works and *OHM Advisors* to develop a design-and-bid specification to place the memorial site within Firefighters Park. At the same time, the committee began working with the Troy Fire Fighters Community Fund to begin fundraising for the project. The committee and other station members solicited donations; held a charity softball event; and held a raffle ticket sale to generate funding. These efforts have been ongoing for several years and eventually raised enough funds to proceed with the project as planned.

On March 16, 2020, City Council approved funding for the Firefighters Memorial project and awarded a contract to *Uzstan, LLC*. (Resolution #2020-03-053-J-4d). During the many planning meetings that took place, the DPW agreed to perform the concrete work for the project and absorb the associated costs. After the contracts were awarded and initial construction meetings took place, however, it was realized that the required engineering tolerances to support the monuments were more precise than the DPW was able to accept, and therefore indicated that it would be best to contract the concrete work versus doing it themselves. Needless to say this unexpected change has caused an unanticipated



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delay in the project, originally planned for completion in October, 2020, and necessitates additional, unbudgeted funding in order to complete the project.

Purchasing

This project was originally formally bid and advertised on the MITN website. Three (3) companies submitted a bid for this project. One of them only bid on the granite portion of the project while the other two bid the entire project per the specifications. *Usztan, LLC. of Auburn Hills, Michigan*, was the low bidder meeting specifications at \$159,962.52. This bid price, however, did not include the required concrete work since it was expected that the DPW would perform that work.

Two (2) quotes have subsequently been received for the concrete work. The first quote from *Dilisio Contracting, Inc.*, was \$152,100 with no time commitment. The second quote from *New Era Concrete, LLC*, was \$65,400 with a time commitment. The *New Era* quote was requested via the project general contractor, *Usztan, LLC*, who will be adding an \$8,175 management fee to the *New Era* quote for a total additional cost of \$73,575.00.

Financial

Funds are budgeted for The Firefighters Memorial Project in the 2021 Capital Fund in the amount of \$100,000. The portion of the project that was bid out was \$159,962.52 for the above ground work which includes the monuments, bench, and flags. The Troy Fire Fighters Community Fund has already issued a check to the City for \$59,962.52 and has placed a deposit down with a vendor for the bronze statue portion of the project which is an additional cost above and beyond the \$159,962.52. Including the remaining cost of the bronze statue and any required contingency, the TFCF will not have the funds needed to cover the cost of the \$73,575.00 concrete work change order.

Usztan, LLC, has been awarded other projects in the City of Troy and has successfully completed them with no issues or concerns. The price quotes show that there is a considerable savings by awarding the concrete work to *New Era, LLC*, with *Usztan, LLC*, managing it as part of the project and keeping the project on a schedule, yet delayed from the original October, 2020, time frame as intended.

In order to complete this project, a budget amendment in the amount of \$73,575 to the Capital Projects Fund under the Fire Department for the 2021 Fiscal Year is necessary. Expenditures will be charged to Account #401.336.337.7974.150.

Recommendation

City management recommends the following: 1) a budget amendment in the amount of \$73,575.00; 2) approval of the change order for *New Era Concrete, LLC. in the amount of \$65,400*; and 3) amending the contract to *Usztan, LLC. of Auburn Hills, MI in the amount of \$8,175*, to perform the construction of the Firefighters Memorial for a new estimated cost of \$233,537.52 which includes the original cost approval of \$159,962.52.



TROY FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

LOCATED TOWARDS
THE BACK OF
FIREFIGHTERS PARK,
THIS PROPOSED MEMORIAL IS
INTENDED TO SERVE AS A
PERMANENT MONUMENT
THAT HONORS OUR PAST
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
WHO SERVED THE
CITY OF TROY

