



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager **Date:** January 28, 2018

Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2019-009, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to McClendon Construction Company for the Schiller Drive Street Improvement Project for the 44th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project in the total contract amount of \$254,224.00.

Presenter: Caroline Waggoner, Director of Public Works

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to recommend an award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to McClendon Construction for the CIP Project identified as Schiller Drive Street Improvement Project (CDBG19) in the Capital Projects Budget.

General Description:

The Schiller Drive Street Improvement Project marks the 44th Year in which the City of North Richland Hills will participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Although the City of North Richland Hills is an entitlement city and therefore receives CDBG funds directly, the city has contracted with Tarrant County's CDBG Department to administer the city's CDBG funds. Essentially, the city determines the projects and Tarrant County administers the projects. However, the city reviews all bids and consultant contracts and makes recommendations to Tarrant County for approval. Tarrant County therefore awards both the design consultant and construction contracts. Tarrant County's administration of the city's CDBG projects does not include construction inspection; the city will provide these services.

The project consists of reconstructing Schiller Drive from an asphalt street section to a concrete street section and installing sidewalks. The project includes a base bid which consists of the street construction and any minor utility adjustments. City forces will replace the water main and services in February, prior to the start of construction for this project. The existing sanitary sewer main and services are PVC and have been determined to be in good shape, so no replacement is needed.

Tarrant County staff reviewed and approved the project's contract documents prior to bidding and scheduled a bid opening for December 19, 2018. Bids were received by Tarrant County at their offices on this date. A total of one (1) contractor submitted a bid; the bid is summarized in the table:



CONTRACTOR	BASE BID	BID w/ SIDEWALK DEDUCTED
McClendon Construction	\$254,224.00	\$237,854.50

Tarrant County extended the original bid date in effort to attract more interest, but McClendon remained the sole bidder. While it is not ideal to receive only one bid, Tarrant County is requesting the city to recommend an award of the bid for this project. Both the city and Tarrant County have had prior experience with the low bidder on projects of similar scope and size and both believe McClendon Construction to be a reliable contractor.

The project was designed and bid with consideration for the inclusion of sidewalks on both sides of Schiller, but with a deductive alternate that would allow for sidewalks to be eliminated if Council determined that sidewalks were not appropriate in this location. Staff has been in contact with the Schiller residents during the design process to inform them of the upcoming project and answer any questions they had. While some residents were unsure as to why sidewalks were needed, staff did not receive any opposition to them as on some past projects. Staff recommends including the installation of sidewalks (the Base Bid) in keeping with recent efforts to improve pedestrian connectivity throughout the city.

When the project was established, the city pledged \$35,000 in addition to the anticipated \$250,000 to fund the total project. Since that time, the actual CDBG allocation was determined to be \$295,240. This increase in grant funds results in the bulk of the city's pledge amount not being required to complete the project.

The current project budget, which only shows the initial city pledge of \$35,000 as the CDBG funds, will be administered by Tarrant County and will never actually be handled by the city.

Total Grant Funding:

Available Grant Funds:	\$ 295,240.00
Engineering Fee:	-\$ 41,830.00
Remaining:	<u>\$ 253,410.00</u>

Construction Award:

Grant Funding:	\$253,410.00
North Richland Hills:	<u>\$ 814.00</u>
Total Award:	<u>\$254,224.00</u>



Construction is anticipated to begin in March of 2019 and take 150 calendar days to complete.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2019-009 recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to McClendon Construction Company for the 44th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project identified as the Schiller Drive Street Improvement Project in the total contract amount of \$254,224.