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Approval of a consulting contract with The Sizemore Group to conduct a land use and transportation study of Spring Road from Cobb Parkway to Atlanta Road.

ISSUE: Approval of the selection of The Sizemore Group to conduct a land use and transportation study of the Spring Road Corridor from Cobb Parkway (U.S. 41) west to Atlanta Road and authorize the Mayor to execute the appropriate agreements with The Sizemore Group and the Atlanta Regional Commission necessary to conduct the study.

BACKGROUND: On December 7, 2015, the City's Community Development Department was authorized by City Council to submit an application to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to fund a land use and transportation study for the Spring Road Corridor. In February 2016, the City was notified that a grant in the amount of \$100,000 was awarded by the ARC. The City Council subsequently took official action at its' April 18, 2016 meeting to accept the grant award.

The funding for this grant is provided under the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Program administered by the ARC and financed by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Georgia Department of Transportation. The purpose of the grant is to fund a land use and transportation study of the Spring Road Corridor. The grant requires a twenty (20%) percent match from the City which is \$25,000. The match amount is calculated on the total study cost of \$125,000 ($\$125,000 \times .20 = \$25,000$). The \$25,000 match was included in the FY2017 budget. The total amount available for the study is \$125,000 (\$100,000 grant + \$25,000 match).

The study area/corridor runs along both sides of Spring Road from Cobb Parkway to Atlanta Road (approximately 2.4 miles). The study will analyze the land use, transportation and urban design issues, opportunities and challenges along the aforementioned corridor and make specific recommendations for addressing those issues. *A detailed Scope of Services and Study Corridor Map is attached.*

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued by the City in July of 2016. Tunnel, Spangler, Walsh (TSW) and The Sizemore Group submitted the qualifications of their respective consulting teams to the City Purchasing Manager. An interview committee made up of the: Community Development Director, City Engineer, Senior Planner, Planner II, Economic Development Manager and Purchasing Manager conducted interviews of the consulting teams. The interview committee, based on the professional qualifications and experience of the consulting teams, the results of the interviews and the nature of the study effort determined that the Sizemore Group was best suited to conduct the study. *The Bid Tabulation Form and the Purchasing Department Recommendation are attached.* It is anticipated that the study will take approximately twelve (12) months to complete. The agreement with ARC requires that all work be completed by August 31, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION/REQUESTED ACTION: It is recommended that the Mayor and Council award the LCI Spring Road Corridor Study contract in the amount of \$125,000 to The Sizemore Group and authorize the Mayor to execute the appropriate agreements.