



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Adam Richter, Assistant Director of Community Experiences  
Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences

**Date:** March 26, 2024

**Reference:** Consider approval of award for Bid #Q-0224-01 to J.B. & Co. LLC for the construction of the Magnolia Park Trail Project, in the amount of \$1,537,705.00 as provided for in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

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### **Introduction:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to award a bid to J.B. & Co. LLC for the construction of the Magnolia Park Trail Project in the amount not to exceed \$1,537,705.00.

### **Background:**

In February 2022, City Council approved a professional services agreement with Halff & Associates for Engineering & Design services for the Magnolia Park Trail in the amount of \$191,913.00. At that point in time, it was believed that the construction cost for this project would be approximately \$1.5M. When the design process officially began in April 2022, it was estimated that City staff would have the completed design and construction documents within nine months. However, in January 2023, City staff were informed by Halff & Associates that there would be a delay to the permitting process and that a Historical Antiquities Survey needed to be conducted. In June 2023, City staff began preparing for the construction costs related to the project to increase due to rising costs for supplies, materials, and labor for similar projects. An additional \$650K of APRA funds was set aside for the project. In Fall 2023, the survey process was completed and by the end of 2023, staff received the final construction plans.

The main features of the project consist of a 1,000' concrete tail on the south side of the pond, embankment stabilization (gabion mattresses and riprap), safety railing, gates, and park amenities (pet waste station and park bench). This project also features an Aquatic Resource Relocation Plan (ARRP) that will ensure the contractor is minimizing impacts to protected aquatic biota during construction of the project.

In February 2024, the project was put out to bid and the City received (4) base bids as follows:

- J.B. & Co. LLC - \$1,537,705.00
- Austin Filter Systems, Inc. - \$1,798,091.75
- Iron T. Construction, Inc. - \$1,926,600.00
- Cole Construction, Inc. - \$2,281,690.00

It has been determined by City staff that the bid submitted by J.B. & Co. LLC is the best value for the City. City staff have built a good working relationship with J.B. & Co. LLC while working with them on previous projects, most notably the recent park improvement project at The Duck Pond Park. Overall, the City has been satisfied with the quality of work performed by this contractor.

**Benefit to the Community:**

This project will improve the City's parks and trail system, while promoting health and wellness, and satisfying a desire by the community to have a trail connector at this location in Magnolia Park.

**Legal Review:**

City Attorney has reviewed the bid.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact of this agenda item is \$1,537,705.00, as provided for in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund.

**Recommendation:**

The Community Experiences Department recommends approval of this item.