

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Title: Authorize execution of contract with Gray's Grasshopper, Inc. for Main St. Landscaping project Phase 1.

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Town Council:

- Approve the Plans and Specifications.
- Award the contract to Gray's Grasshopper, Inc. in the amount of \$528,263.10.
- Authorize the Town Manager to execute the construction contract.
- Authorize the Public Works Director to accept the project upon completion.
- Authorize the Public Works Director to review and approve minor revisions to complete the project, up to an additional 10% of the award amount.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Town constructed sidewalks along both sides of Main Street. New irrigation lines were installed in the new sidewalk locations and the sidewalk alignment created pockets of bare soil planned for landscaping. In 2020, the Town contracted with a landscaping consultant Litchfield Design to work with public works and the trails department to create a landscaping installation and maintenance plan.

The Main Street Landscaping project includes installation of irrigation facilities, light earthwork, and in-ground planting of native drought-tolerant trees and plants on both sides of Main Street between Mountain Boulevard to just east of the Main Street-Old Mammoth Road intersection. New irrigation lines will use sleeves installed underneath sidewalk and Frontage Road asphalt during the Main Street Sidewalk projects. The project plans were completed in 2022 and were split into two phases based on available funding.

ANALYSIS:

On May 27, 2022, Town of Mammoth Lakes staff bid the Main Street Landscaping Phase 1 project. Bids were opened on June 23rd, 2022, and no bids were received. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20166, if no bids are received, the Town may have the project done by a contractor of its choice. After consulting with the Town Attorney, staff began reaching out to contractors to find someone interested in completing the Project. After

months of searching, negotiating, and working with potential contractors, Town staff received two bids in February of 2024.

- Bid 1: Gray’s Grasshopper, Inc. \$517,905.00
- Bid 2: Alpine Landscape \$1,091,000

A bid review was completed, and no irregularities were identified.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

On March 20, 2024, Town Council authorized \$465,000 (FD 100 – General Fund) to be allocated to the Main Street Landscaping capital project (Phase I and II) in the FY 2023-24 second quarter budget adjustment. This project is now fully funded with \$715,000 allocated. This funding covers the construction contract, in the amount of \$528,263.10, and an additional 10% for project contingencies, in the amount of \$52,826.31, for Phase I. The total budget for the Phase I construction contract and project contingencies is \$581,089.41. The remaining funds allocated, in the amount of \$133,910.59, and any additional funds not expended on Phase I will be utilized to complete Phase II. This project will be accounted for in the Capital Improvement Department (531) of FD 300 – Capital Projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under California Code of Regulations Section 15304.b. Minor Alterations to Land.

In addition, Town Staff will continue to work closely with the Community and Economic Development Department Planning Division and MCWD to ensure that all plantings and irrigation systems comply with the Town’s Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance (WELO) and all current and projected water use restrictions.