

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with The Berger Partnership, P.S., in the amount of \$1,700,706.80, plus all applicable taxes, for architectural and engineering services to inform phased development strategies, including the next phase of implementation of the Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes the execution of a professional services contract with The Berger Partnership for architectural and engineering services, design alternatives, engineering studies, and cost estimates to assist the City with determining the next phase of development of Meydenbauer Bay Park.

## RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10254

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

### Background

The City of Bellevue has a long-held vision of connecting the Meydenbauer Bay waterfront to Downtown Park, creating a signature park and waterfront destination. In 2010, the City Council adopted the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan setting that vision in motion toward creating a memorable waterfront park and connection to Downtown Bellevue – an exciting destination and beautiful experience for all Bellevue residents. The Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan provides the guiding principles and intended development that is anticipated to occur over many years and many phases.

In 2015, the City Council adopted and prioritized The Grand Connection as Bellevue's signature downtown place-making initiative, to function as a series of cohesive, connected, and memorable spaces with pedestrian-focused experiences through the heart of downtown Bellevue. Meydenbauer Bay Park is the waterfront anchor at the west end of the Grand Connection.

In 2019, the City completed Phase 1 construction of the Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan developing approximately 6.5 acres of the 10 acre park and marina. Multiple phases of the Master Plan remain to be developed. General areas remaining to be designed and developed are the Marina Zone, the Uplands Zone (park arrival plaza and 100<sup>th</sup>) and the Grand Connection/Urban Edge (Lake Washington Blvd and Main Street.)

## **Project Scope**

The architectural and engineering services in this contract will provide schematic design level plans for the remaining undeveloped phases of the park plan. The object of this work is to help identify coordinated and successful phased development strategies - including the next, or second phase of development. Work includes public engagement strategies and activities to involve diverse groups and individuals while obtaining substantive public input. Development plans will include graphic illustrations and narratives, opportunities and constraints analysis, cost estimates, and a comprehensive final report.

## **Consultant Selection and Qualifications**

The consultant selection process was consistent with WA State law and the City's contracting policies for selecting consultants for architectural and engineering services. An open, transparent, and competitive selection process was conducted. A request for proposal was placed in the *Daily Journal of Commerce* and *The Seattle Times* and advertised on the City website. Four firms submitted proposals. An interdepartmental team comprised of representatives from the Parks, Community Development, and Transportation, reviewed proposals and interviewed the four firms who submitted proposals.

The Berger Partnership was selected as the most qualified firm. They are a multidisciplinary firm that focuses on large park development projects, having completed waterfront projects throughout Puget Sound area and beyond, including recent the Pike Place Market front, Spokane Riverfront Park, and Magnuson Park. They have assembled a strong team of sub consultants, including landscape architects, engineers, transportation, community engagement and environmental permitting experts. Staff has worked successfully with them on recent projects including Surrey Downs Park and the new Bridle Trail Neighborhood Park.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

Bellevue City Code 4.28 provides for the fair and equitable treatment of persons in the purchasing process. The consultant selection process is consistent with the City's contracting policies and State law for selecting architects and engineering services for public works building projects. Because of the agreement amount, Council approval is required.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This Resolution obligates the City to an amount of \$1,700,706.80, plus all applicable taxes. Funds for the Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 2 project are in the 2023-2029 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Meydenbauer Bay Park Planning and Design (CIP Plan No. P-AD-104) project. Sufficient funds exist in the 2023-2029 CIP to perform this work.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with The Berger Partnership, P.S., in the amount of \$1,700,706.80, plus all applicable taxes, for architectural and engineering services to inform phased development strategies, including the next phase of implementation of the Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Vicinity Map
- B. CIP Project Description P-AD-104  
Proposed Resolution No. 10254

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

Copy of Professional Services Agreement with The Berger Partnership