



# Weatherford City Council

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## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** July 25, 2023

**Staff Contact:** Chad Marbut, Director of Public Works

**Item Number:** 2023-364-AR

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**SUBJECT:** Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with the Fain Group, Inc. for the construction of the Northwest Downtown Street Rehabilitation project in the amount not to exceed \$3,797,572.00.

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### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

In October 2021, City Council authorized a contract with Kimley Horn Associates (KHA) for engineering design of the Northwest Downtown Street Rehabilitation project. The project includes proposed roadway, utility and drainage improvements along Dallas Avenue, York Avenue, and Spring Street located in the Northwest Quadrant of Downtown. The intent of this project is to rehabilitate the existing roadways and corridor, transforming the layout and condition to be consistent with previous improvements on the Southeast and Northeast Quadrants of Downtown. The proposed rehabilitation will reconstruct the roadways, improve pedestrian accessibility, increase parking capacity, facilitate better traffic flow, as well as improve the aesthetics of Downtown. The project bid included two additive alternates for consideration; Additive Alternate 1 for the use of an alternative drainage pipe material and Additive Alternate 2 for the additional cost to construct the project at night.

KHA prepared a competitive sealed bid package for construction that was advertised on May 27, 2023 and June 3, 2023. The bids were opened publicly on June 21, 2023 with only one bidder responding. The Fain Group, Inc. (Fain) submitted a base bid in the amount of \$3,447,572.00, Additive Alternate 1 bid in the amount of \$38,430.00, and Additive Alternate 2 in the amount of \$350,000.00. KHA evaluated Fain's bid and found nothing to warrant the disqualification of their bid.

While it is not ideal to have only one bidder for this type of project, Fain's bid is comparable to KHA's estimate and within the City's budget. Also, based on KHA's evaluation and preliminary meetings with the contractor, Fain appears to be exceptionally qualified to perform this type of specialized downtown work. Staff has also evaluated the bids for the additive alternates. Staff does not recommend awarding Additive Alternate 1 for alternative pipe material over traditional reinforced concrete pipe. Staff does recommend awarding Additive Alternate 2 for nighttime construction as there is great value in avoiding impacts to citizens and surrounding businesses by continuing with nighttime operations. Staff will evaluate opportunities during construction to perform specific utility installations during daytime hours if appropriate, giving the utmost consideration to limiting impacts to citizens and businesses. Any daytime work permitted for utilities will result in a proportional reduction of the overall cost for nighttime work.

Construction of the project is expected to begin in August 2023 and be substantially complete in June 2024, with final closeout expected in July 2024. The contract documents include 13 blackout dates that restrict the contractor from working during major downtown events such as Christmas on the Square and the Peach Festival. An additional 10 calendar days are also contractually included for City discretion to shut down construction operations should

unplanned events require it.

Staff recommends awarding the base bid in the amount of \$3,447,572.00 and allow nighttime operations under Additive Alternate 2 in the amount of \$350,000.00, for a total contact amount of \$3,797,572.00.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funds for utility improvements are available and programmed through a combination of water, wastewater and stormwater utility funds for each respective utility type. The remaining funds are available and programmed within the general capital fund and will be brought forward as a future budget amendment, should council authorize this contract.

**SUGGESTED ACTION**

Staff recommends authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with the Fain Group, Inc. for the construction of the Northwest Downtown Street Rehabilitation project in the amount not to exceed \$3,797,572.00.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- [Award Recommendation Letter\\_NWQuad.pdf](#)
- [Project Map.pdf](#)