



Date: December 22, 2020

To: Wanda S. Page, Interim City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Jina B. Propst, Director, General Services Department
Subject: Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with the Durham Housing Authority to Procure Security Cameras and Lighting

Executive Summary

The Durham Housing Authority (DHA) submitted projects during the Participatory Budgeting (PB) idea collection phase for security equipment improvements at their properties. Two DHA projects, one in Ward 2 and one in Ward 3, received the highest votes to earn funding from the PB Durham process. DHA seeks to deter crime and improve security at Ward 2 properties, McDougald Terrace and Hoover Road, and Ward 3 property, Damar Court. The security cameras were installed in all three properties, however, the LED lighting infrastructure improvements were delayed due to COVID-19. The General Services Department requests authority to execute an amendment to the interlocal agreement to extend the original contract term to provide DHA additional time to complete the project work. The General Services Department and DHA expect the work to be completed by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2021.

Recommendation

To resolve to authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment to the interlocal cooperation agreement between the Durham Housing Authority (DHA) and the City of Durham to procure security cameras and lighting.

Background

During the PB idea collection phase, residents submitted over 500 project ideas to enhance communities throughout the City. Volunteers, also known as budget delegates, then vetted and developed these ideas into project proposals. Through the approval of the PB Steering Committee, approximately 40 projects were put forth on a public ballot for voting, with over 10,000 votes received. Winning projects were then announced and approved by the PB Steering Committee in June 2019. Amongst the 18 winning projects, the LED lighting and security camera projects for DHA in Wards 2 and 3 were the top vote-getters. In January 2020, City Council approved the interlocal agreement with DHA. The security cameras were installed and operational as of September 2020 in Ward 2 DHA properties, McDougald Terrace and Hoover Road, and Ward 3 DHA property, Damar Court. The LED lighting improvements have not been completed due to delays primarily as a result of COVID-19. DHA expects their architecture and engineering firm to complete the scope and specifications in early 2021 for bidding and subsequent completion of the project by June 2021.

Issues and Analysis

DHA is seeking to deter crime and improve security through the installation of security cameras and LED lighting infrastructure. Security cameras were installed in places where property or persons' security and safety would be enhanced. The intent is to monitor and/or capture video

and store it on a secure device where it may aid in the investigation of any crimes against a person or deter a potential threat. Upgraded lighting infrastructure will replace existing light fixtures with LED fixtures. The intent is to improve visibility, reliability, and energy efficiency.

Alternatives

City Council could choose not to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement amendment. Consequently, the City would not contribute funding to the project, and the project would be foreclosed upon.

Financial Impact

This recommendation has no further financial impact on the City. The project was previously authorized in January 2020 for reimbursement to DHA up to a total maximum contribution of \$171,083. Funds for this project were budgeted as follows:

Ward 2 – DHA Property - McDougald Terrace and Hoover Road

Security Cameras & LED Lighting
Ward 2 Maximum City Contribution: \$113,300

Ward 3 – DHA Property - Damar Court

Security Cameras & LED Lighting
Ward 3 Maximum City Contribution: \$57,783

Project Total Maximum City Contribution: \$171,083

Equal Business Opportunity Summary

Due to the nature of this agreement, this item was not reviewed for compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracts.

Attachments

Amendment to Interlocal Agreement