

BILL NO. S-24-10-22

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. S-_____

AN ORDINANCE approving a Professional Services Agreement for Design and Engineering Services between the City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division and Engineering Resources Inc. for the Urban Trail Streetscape Project.

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, the Fort Wayne Common Council unanimously approved R-23-05-04 allocating \$1,200,000 of ARPA funds for Urban Trails;

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division ("Community Development") desires to use a portion of the allocated ARPA funds to engage Engineering Resources Inc. ("ERI") for design and engineering services for a segment of the Urban Trail extending between Harrison Street and Electric Works;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. That the Professional Services Agreement for Design and Engineering Services between Community Development and ERI for the Urban Trail Streetscape Project (the "Agreement") involving a total cost of not to exceed TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$239,000), is hereby confirmed and approved.

SECTION 2. Funding for the Agreement shall be drawn from ARPA funds.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Malak Heiny, City Attorney

DIGEST SHEET

TITLE OF RESOLUTION. An Ordinance Approving a Professional Services Agreement for Design and Engineering Services between the City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division and Engineering Resources Inc. for the Urban Trail Streetscape Project.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTING RESOLUTION. Community Development

SYNOPSIS OF RESOLUTION. This Ordinance encumbers a portion of the ARPA funds that were previously allocated to the Urban Trail in May 2023. Specifically, it approves a Professional Service Agreement with Engineering Resources Inc. (ERI) for design and engineering services for a specific segment of the Urban Trail that will connect Harrison Street, which serves as the primary north-south spine of the Trail, to the Electric Works development. Actual construction of this section of the Trail would be carried out in phases over the coming years as funding becomes available.

EFFECT OF PASSAGE. If passed, the Community Development department would be authorized to enter into the Professional Service Agreement with ERI.

The development of the Urban Trail will significantly enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety in downtown Fort Wayne by creating a grade-separated pathway. This project is expected to greatly benefit residents in nearby neighborhoods. Additionally, proximity to a feature like the Urban Trail has been shown to attract new businesses and investments, as well as increase property values and leasing rates in the surrounding area. The Trail will also serve as a universal form of wayfinding, helping to guide visitors and tourists through downtown Fort Wayne.

EFFECT OF NON-PASSAGE. Pursuant to federal guidelines, ARPA funds must be encumbered by the end of 2024, so it is important to use these funds before using other potential sources. Failure to pass this ordinance could result in a forfeiture of these funds. In addition, failure to pass this ordinance would delay implementation of this project, and almost certainly result in a higher future cost.

MONEY INVOLVED (DIRECT COSTS, EXPENDITURES, SAVINGS). \$239,000 of ARPA funds.

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT). _____



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MEMO

To: City of Fort Wayne Common Council

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From: Joe Giant, Community Development Administrator, 427-2144

Subject: Approving a Professional Services Agreement for Design and Engineering Services with ERI for the Urban Trail Streetscape Project.

Date: October 16, 2024

Community Development hereby requests Common Council approval for a Professional Service Agreement between Community Development and Engineering Resources Inc. (ERI) for design and engineering services for the Urban Trail between Harrison Street and Electric Works.

The Urban Trail is a multi-use pathway situated between the sidewalk and street. It is comprised of decorative pavers and bordered by landscaping and other amenities such as public art, seating, decorative lighting, and bike facilities. The entire Urban Trail will span 34 blocks and will primarily extend along Superior Street and Harrison Street, connecting key downtown locations such as Promenade Park, Parkview Field, the Arts Campus, and the Rivergreenway. It is being constructed in segments as funding becomes available and as projects adjacent to the Trail are undertaken. Completed sections of the Urban Trail already exist along Harrison north of Main Street and along Superior between Promenade Park and Calhoun Street.

The project was publicly bid, and ERI was the sole bidder. ERI has designed other sections of the Urban Trail, so not only do they have direct experience with this type of project, but they were also able to submit a lower bid due to their familiarity with the scope of the project.

Please find attached the Professional Service Agreement with ERI and a Digest Sheet summarizing the request.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

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