

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. A(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: June 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Award of Construction Contract for the Wilson Park Multi-Use Path Project

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| DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. | PUBLIC HEARING: NO |
| ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution | FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George Seiz 918-7427 |

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to request the Board of Aldermen (BOA) award a construction contract for the Wilson Park Multi-Use Path project (NCDOT #U-4726 DC) and authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract.

INFORMATION

Bids for this project were originally opened on March 13, 2012. Unfortunately, the low bid at that time was more than 10% over the engineer's estimate. Staff felt that the engineer's estimate was reasonable and thru modifying the specifications and conducting a pre-bid conference that better competitive bids could be realized. Per the staff's recommendation the BOA rejected the initial bids at the regular meeting on May 1, 2012 and further directed the staff to re-bid the project.

The project was re-bid on June 7, 2012. The following base bids were received:

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Carolina Asphalt | \$258,138.72 |
| Carolina Sunrock | \$267,303.40 |
| Hine Sitework | \$294,674.50 |
| S.T. Wooten | \$383,605.72 |

The engineer's estimate is \$236,015.00

This project consists of the installation of approximately 1,700 feet of 10 foot wide asphalt paved path, associated piping, plantings and surface restorations. The path starts in Wilson Park near the restroom building and ends at Estes Drive across from the entrance to the Estes Park Apartments.

FISCAL AND STAFFING IMPACT

The low bid from Carolina Asphalt is slightly lower than the original low bid of \$260,383.50. Although there is not a great reduction in price from the original bid opening, the low bid is less than 10% over the engineer's estimate and subsequently the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will likely concur on the award of the bid. Staff time is anticipated for administration of the project.

There are adequate funds budgeted for the construction of this project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution awarding the contract for Wilson Park Multi-Use Path to Carolina Asphalt in the amount of \$258,138.72 and authorizing the Town Manager to execute the contract and any change orders with Carolina Asphalt, and NCDOT Concurrence of Award form, provided the award of the contract is approved by the NCDOT. Staff will request concurrence in the award from NCDOT following the adoption of the resolution.