

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2013

TITLE: Authorization to Execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Preliminary Engineering of the Morgan Creek Greenway

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>X</u> ___
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The Board is asked to authorize the Town Manager to execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with Coulter Jewell Thames (CJT) to allow for additional preliminary engineering services to be completed for the Morgan Creek Greenway (NCDOT TIP # EL-4828).

INFORMATION

On October 16, 2012, the Board of Aldermen reviewed alignment options and questions with respect to the Morgan Creek Greenway. This was primarily in response to the finding that the Phase 1 creek crossing could not be constructed in the expected location due to it not being permissible by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Further details from this agenda item are not repeated here and can be found at the October 16 meeting's web page: http://townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2012/10_16_2012.htm.

The Board review resulted in a resolution recommending pursuit of preliminary engineering for the following:

- the preferred Phase 1 alignment (without a creek crossing, but to include the Smith Level Rd. underpass extending to the Town limits);
- the alternate Phase 1 alignment; and
- Phase 2.

This will require additional services compared to what was originally included in the professional services agreement with CJT. CJT has sent a proposal for the additional services, which is currently under review by Town staff and NCDOT. The resolution in *Attachment A* authorizes the Town Manager to approve a professional services agreement amendment.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

It is estimated that the additional services will cost between \$40,000 and \$48,000. This includes

additional surveying, preliminary design, final design, FEMA permitting work (for the other identified creek crossing locations), and other tasks.

The total appropriation for design, engineering, and construction of the greenway is \$600,000, established by adoption of a Capital Project Ordinance on June 21, 2011. Because of the additional design services, if the amendment is approved, that much less funding will be available for construction.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution in *Attachment A*.