

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 10, 2023

TO: Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency Board

VIA: James Slaton, Executive Director

FROM: Michael Manning, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Park Avenue / Market Plaza Streetscape Construction Agreement with Gomez Construction

SYNOPSIS: *Staff is requesting CRA Board approval to approve Change Order Number 1 with Gomez Construction for additional clay pavers related to the Park Avenue / Market Plaza Streetscape in accordance with the Lake Wales Connected Plan.*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the CRA Board take the following action(s):

1. Approve the Change Order Number 1 with Gomez Construction.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of the CRA to execute the agreement on behalf of the CRA
3. Authorize the expenditure of \$166,219.76.

BACKGROUND

Change Order Number 1 is an administrative procedure needed to revise the concrete pavers in Market Plaza to clay pavers.

It was established prior to the bidding process that a clay paver alternate would be made available. However, the alternate option's quantity only included Park Avenue and not Market Plaza. This change order allows for the same, consistent, high-quality clay paver to be implemented throughout the project.

This change order does not impact Park Avenue, it only upgrades the paver material in Market Plaza from concrete to clay.

Historical Background – In accordance with procurement procedures, the City of Lake Wales went through an extensive process that has resulted in the selection of Gomez Construction as the recommended contractor to lead construction of the Park Avenue / Market Plaza Streetscape project.

The City held two rounds of competitive bidding:

1. RFQ 22-507 "Pre-Qualification for Park Ave Streetscape Project" resulting in eight submittals and six bidders being deemed qualified to bid on the project. (Attachment 1)
2. ITB 22-510 "Park Avenue / Market Plaza Streetscape" resulting in two qualified submittals and a low bid of \$12,072,834.18 by Gomez Construction. (Attachment 2)

In accordance with the Lake Wales Connected Plan, the CRA designed a full streetscape treatment to Park Avenue from Scenic Highway to Wetmore Street. At the recommendation of staff, the CRA added Market Plaza to the project to ultimately save funds on design and construction costs.

Elements of the streetscape include brick pavers, enlarged sidewalks, two-way vehicle travel, hanging-flower baskets, enhanced lighting, and “City in a Garden” landscaping. Landscape plans call for 97 cathedral live oaks, 10 sabal palmettos, and 40 Muskogee crepe myrtles among other new plantings.

It is the Community Redevelopment Agency’s ultimate goal to encourage redevelopment and activation of the City’s Historic Downtown District. By leading the way with this significant public infrastructure investment coupled with utilizing proven streetscape techniques, staff believes that these goals will be realized.

LAKE WALES CONNECTED PLAN ACTION STEPS

Action steps addressed in this proposal include:

Step Number	Description
1	Survey and produce construction ready design drawings for Park Avenue, from Scenic Highway to Wetmore Street (include plantings, lighting, sidewalks, parking, plaza, street furniture)
4	Implement Park Avenue street improvements (from Scenic Highway to Wetmore Street); and one block of 1st Street improvements (from Park Avenue to Stuart Avenue)
5	Improve Market Place Plaza in coordination with Park Avenue street design

OTHER OPTIONS

The CRA Board may direct staff to reject the proposal submitted by Gomez Construction and install concrete pavers in Market Plaza.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total fiscal impact for construction is \$12,250,468.17. A total of \$11,591,834.18 will be funded out of the CRA. Funding for the project is allocated in the Community Redevelopment Agency’s \$18.5M bond.

The fiscal impact for Change Order Number 1 will have a \$166,219.76 impact on CRA Funds, raising the total project cost to \$12,239,053.94.

Overview of Park Avenue / Market Plaza Streetscape Funding:

Funding	
Community Redevelopment Agency	\$ 11,591,834.18
Utility Fund	\$ 481,000.00
Change Order No. 1 - CRA	\$ 166,219.76
Total Gomez Construction	\$ 12,239,053.94

ATTACHMENTS

Gomez Construction Change Order Number 1 – Proposal