



Elgin City Council Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

ITEM: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS (CITY) AND STUDIO 1619 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK EXPANSION

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve contract with Studio 1619.

BACKGROUND: The City Council approved the Veterans' Memorial Park Expansion Plan which was developed by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Historic Review Board, and Main Street Board with McCann Adams Studio and staff. The plan for the park land reflects the needs of the community and the priorities of the Parks Master plan to create a space that is inclusive, provides access to the whole community and supports mental health. The City issued an RFQ and received five proposals which were evaluated by Mayor McShan, Council member Casnovsky, downtown business owner and Historic Review Board member, Micah Erwin, Public Works Director, Michael Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Program Manager, Elizabeth Marzec, and Community Services Director Amy Miller. The team interviewed firms and unanimously recommends Studio 1619 for professional services for the Veterans' Memorial Park Expansion. Studio 1619's experience with design, development, and cost estimation, will move the project from conceptual to phased implementation. The City Council approved the Sustainable Places Plan in 2012 which included acquiring the property from Union Pacific along the railroad tracks from Main Street to Avenue A along Depot Street and Central Avenue and developing it as park space. The City purchased the property for park expansion. The expansion and development of the park is also part of the Elgin Parks Recreation and Open Space master plan which was approved by city council June 2021.

Sustainable places plan: <https://www.elgintx.com/DocumentCenter/View/248/Sustainable-Places-Final-Report>

Master parks plan: <https://www.elgintx.com/Admin/DocumentCenter/Document/View/6684/Parks-Recreation-and-Open-Space-Master-Plan-2021-2031-Final>

Do business downtown: <https://www.elgintx.com/208/Do-Business-Downtown>

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this item was {X} included {} not included in the current-year budget { } N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff Recommends Approval

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution, contract, exhibits

{ } Staff will be making a detailed presentation on this agenda item at the meeting.

{X} Staff will provide brief comments and answer questions on this item at the meeting.

{ } This is a routine procedural item and no presentation is planned for the meeting.

Councilmembers who have any detailed questions or would like to request additional information regarding this item are encouraged to contact the City Manager at their earliest convenience.