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TO:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM:

Eric Stuckey, City Administrator

David Parker, City Engineer/CIP Executive Paul Holzen, Director of Engineering

William Banks, Staff Engineer

SUBJECT:

Award of the Construction Contract for the 3rd Avenue North Extension

Project (Bicentennial Park Phase I) (COF Contract No. 2012-0089)

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this memo is to recommend Award of the Construction Contract for the 3rd Avenue North Extension Project (COF Contract No. 2012-0089) to The Parkes Companies, Inc.

Background

City staff has been working over the last few years to start construction of the 3rd Ave North Extension Project. This project currently has \$630,000 in TDOT/Federal Funding for the construction of a multiuse path system along the Harpeth River. State and Federal funds have slowed the project down by requiring it to go through TDOT local programs process to include environmental review, ROW review and Design Review. In an effort to get the roadway constructed as soon as possible staff has looked at the design and determined that we can build this project in two phases. The first phase (3rd Avenue N Extension Project) will be fully City funded and generally include the roadway, bridge, lighting, utilities, landscaping and irrigation. Phase II will include the trail, selected park features, additional landscaping and irrigation.

To help with the bidding process, a Professional Services Agreement (COF Contract No. 2012-0068) for full C.E.I. services was awarded to Wiser Company, LLC on May 8, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$649,225.00. The bids for the first phase were opened on July 31, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. with The Parkes Companies being the apparent low bidder. The Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued soon after the bid is awarded and contracts finalized.

Also, a Bid Alternate was included with the bid package. This included a Redi-Rock stacked block style retaining wall that replaces a combination of gabion baskets and loose boulders. Staff will be bringing this change order to the BOMA soon, which will be a decrease in the contract amount below.

Financial Impact

Construction costs of \$4,795,129.72. (May be decreased with the first Change Order).

Recommendation

Staff recommends awarding the construction contract to The Parkes Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$4,795,129.72.