

Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Mar 28, 2023 - Bryan City Council Special Meeting
Category	4. Statutory (Automatic Approval) Agenda - This agenda consists of items previously approved by Council action such as adoption of items that are part of an approved budget or capital improvement projects, first and only readings of ordinances, interlocal agreements, or action that is required by law or delegated to the City Manager. Items may be removed from the statutory agenda for separate consideration at the request of two Councilmembers.
Subject	B. Award of a construction contract for Gateway Entrance Signs Phase 1, City Job Number 700-DO-1712, in an amount not to exceed \$336,620.96 to Kubacak Construction
Type	Action (Statutory)
Preferred Date	Apr 11, 2023
Absolute Date	Apr 11, 2023
Fiscal Impact	Yes
Dollar Amount	336,620.96
Budgeted	Yes
Budget Source	Fund 373 - FY2018 Bonds - \$336,620.96
Goals	Quality of Life Infrastructure Economic Development

Summary:

As part of the 2018 Capital Improvement Program, the City Council approved the installation of two (2) Gateway Entrance Signs welcoming visitors into Bryan. The two locations are generally described as along State Highway 21 (SH 21) on the west end of the RELLIS campus and along State Highway 6 / US190 north of FM2818 within TXDOT right-of-way.

The scope of the project is to construct two entrance signs for the City of Bryan welcoming visitors to the community along two major roadway gateways into the City of Bryan. The signs will generally resemble the attached rendering shown in Attachment 3. Attachment 3 shows a daytime and nighttime view of the sign, and as can be seen in the night time view, the lettering will be backlit. Electrical service will be run to each location so the signs are not dependent on battery/solar power. To minimize irrigation and maintenance, additional landscaping will not be provided at the sign locations. The geographic locations of the signs were chosen to take advantage of existing large trees to be used as a backdrop to the signs. This aesthetic feature can be seen on Attachments 1 and 2.

On January 12, 2018, the City of Bryan hired RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture, Inc. to provide design services for this project for \$23,600.00. Throughout 2018, various concepts for the Gateway signs were illustrated and discussed with staff and brought to City Council at the August 14, 2018, Workshop meeting. Direction was received regarding the sign concepts and the wording on the sign was to read "Home of Texas A&M Health Science Center and RELLIS Campus".

In September 2019, the City hired Strong Surveying to provide topographic survey for the sign location along State Highway 6 for \$750.00. In November 2019, the City hired Gessner Engineering to provide topographic surveying for the sign on RELLIS campus property for \$1,000.00, as Gessner had already done surveying in the area for RELLIS. In December 2019, the City hired Gessner Engineering to provide geotechnical bores to be used for the foundation designs for \$2,700.00. During this time the City pursued a separate easement from the RELLIS campus for the sign to be located outside of TXDOT right-of-way along SH 21 and that easement was granted by the Texas A&M system and accepted by the Bryan City Council at the December 14, 2021, City Council meeting. The total design cost for the project is \$28,050.00

In late 2021, additional meetings were held with the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem regarding the sign concepts and changes were made to take more inspiration from the existing RELLIS campus signs located off SH 21 and State Highway 47. Additionally, the wording on the sign was abbreviated to "Welcome to Aggieland" to coincide with "Welcome to Aggieland" blue signage installed along major roadways leading into the City of Bryan. The final sign concept was selected at the end of 2021 and is included as Attachment 3.

On July 12, 2022, the Bryan City Council approved a Resolution authorizing execution of an Agreement with TXDOT for the installation and long-term maintenance of the Gateway Sign on North Earl Rudder Freeway (SH6). The Agreement was executed December 12, 2022. The agreement requires the City to keep the sign in good condition and remove any graffiti placed on it.

Construction plans were prepared based on the sign concept during 2022. The project was bid in November 2022 and only one (1) proposal was received and it was found incomplete due to blanks for required bid items; therefore, since there were no complete proposals to consider, bids did not have to be formally rejected by the City Council. The project was advertised again in late December 2022 as RFP#23-015 and proposals were opened on January 12, 2023. Three (3) proposals were received. Kubacak Construction was not a registered contractor with the City of Bryan and request for proposals allowed contractors to submit as part of the bidding process to become registered contractors. Kubacak submitted their contractor registration with their bid proposal. Multiple rounds of additional information were submitted by Kubacak to the contractor registration process and they were officially registered with the City on March 6, 2023. Kubacak had math errors in their bid proposal and their submitted total of \$391,633.00 was incorrect and should have been \$336,620.96, based on the unit pricing submitted. Staff confirmed with Kubacak that they would stand by the reduced total contract amount.

Kubacak's cost proposal of \$336,620.96 is less than the construction estimate of \$430,000.00. The total budget (design and construction) for the project allocated in the Capital Improvement Program is \$470,000.00. Kubacak proposed to complete the work within eighty-five (85) working days.

Staff Analysis and Recommendation:

Staff recommends awarding the construction contract for the Gateway Entrance Signs Phase 1, City Job Number 700-D0-1712, in an amount not to exceed \$336,620.96 to Kubacak Construction.

Options:

1. Award the construction contract as recommended.
2. Award the construction contract to another bidder, which may require consideration at a future City Council meeting.
3. Do not award the construction contract and provide direction to staff.

Attachments:

1. RELLIS Sign Location
2. N SH 6 Sign Location
3. Sign Schematic
4. Construction Contract
5. Signed Agreement with TXDOT

[Attachment 1 - RELLIS Location.pdf \(1,588 KB\)](#)

[Attachment 2 - N SH 6 location.pdf \(1,879 KB\)](#)

[Attachment 3 - Bryan Sign Concept.pdf \(233 KB\)](#)

[Attachment 4 - Conformed Gateway Monument Signs Phase One Contract and Spec Book.pdf \(16,395 KB\)](#)

[Attachment 5 - Signed Final_Interlocal_Gateway Monuments.pdf \(11,227 KB\)](#)