



Memorandum

Date: 8/2/2023
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 23-114
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Parks	Dave Tucheck	Deputy Director
Public Works	Chris Stenger	Deputy Director
Parks	Caroline Chapman	Planning Manager

TITLE:

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc., in the Amount of \$122,718, for the Climate Resiliency and Sustainability in Vegetation Management Plan

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

As part of the approved 2023-24 budget, staff is requesting council authorization of \$122,718 for Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc. to lead the Climate Resiliency and Sustainability in Vegetation Management Plan project. Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc. was selected after a competitive bid process.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
2023/24 City of Redmond Adopted Budget, draft 2023 PARCC Plan, Tree Canopy Strategic Plan, Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, 20-Year Forest Management Plan.
- **Required:**
Council approval is required for contracts exceeding \$50,000.
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

Building upon previous City planning efforts related to environmental sustainability, the consultant will provide the City a plan that includes actionable items and strategies resulting in a more climate resilient and sustainable natural environment. Strategies will include (but not limited to) tree canopy expansion on public lands, rewilding City owned properties, replacing formal lawn areas with naturalized meadows/pollinator habitat, modifications of maintenance practices, future electrification recommendations, adjusting tree/plant species (varieties) to align with climate change, and additional carbon sequestration opportunities.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Outreach will occur during plan development and after plan completion
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Stakeholder focus groups, digital media, in-person outreach, and outreach collateral
- **Feedback Summary:**
Outreach summary report

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
\$122,718

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:
0000146 - Service Enhancement

Budget Priority:
Healthy and Sustainable

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
General Fund Surplus

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
7/25/2023	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

Approval of the consultant agreement will allow the consultant to begin work in August 2023 and the final Climate Resiliency and Sustainability in Vegetation Management Plan to be completed by February 2024. Following the completion of the plan, actionable items will be implemented in 2024. If additional funding is necessary to implement portions of the plan, a budget request will be submitted during 2025-2026 budget process.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If the City Council chooses not to approve this consultant agreement, a Climate Resiliency and Sustainability in Vegetation Management Plan will not be developed, slowing progress towards a more resilient and sustainable environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Consultant Services Agreement with Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc.