DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

City Council Workshop Thursday, May 9, 2019

PROJECT GOALS

- Improve historic downtown's most prominent urban corridors
 - Broughton Street
 - Bay Street
 - River Street
- Realize each street's full potential as a rich and varied pedestrian experience
- Build design solutions on previous studies
 - Downtown Master Plan (2011)
 - Broughton Street Streetscape Improvement Plan (2008)
 - Broughton Street Landscape Analysis and Plan (2005)
 - Draft River Street Vision and Gateway Plan (2010)
 - Downtown Streetscape Initiative (2015)
- Focus on implementation
- Budget: \$14 Million

FOCUS AREAS

- Pedestrian and ADA Safety
- Bicycle Safety
- Vehicular Functionality
- Smart Transportation Design
- Historic Preservation
- Visual Identity
- Activities and Events

RESIDENT AND GUEST EXPERIENCE!





















- In November, Council directed staff to pursue bid process for full implementation
- Bid proposal: \$18.9 million (Astra Group, Inc.)
- Funding:
 - \$14M General Obligation Bonds
 - Specifically for the design and construction of streetscape improvements for Broughton, Bay and River streets
 - Funds must be spent as part of bond requirements

DEDUCTIVE ALTERNATES

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Shrub & Groundcover Reduction	\$	6 (51,127)
Porous paving tree grates	\$	6 (102,446)
Festival Zone: Travel lane hardscape (asphalt)	\$	6 (458,160)
Festival Zone: Remove grading, drainage and site furnishing (street level)	\$	6 (264,793)
Festival Zone: Remove festoon lighting	\$	6 (40,795)
Pedestrian light pole/fixture (not tied to festoon lighting)	\$	6 (960,609)
Crosswalk hardscape material (tabby)	\$	6 (87,927)
Cross street sidewalks Hardscape (tabby)	\$	6 (144,004)
Sidewalk pattern (basket weave)	\$	(57,016)
Sidewalk paving (tabby)	\$	6 (514,697)
Decorative Inlays at sidewalk (clay brick paver)	\$	6 (17,912)
Water meter relocation when necessary	\$	6 (48,748)
Information Kiosks (remove 12)	\$	6 (53,712)
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$	6 (2,801,946)

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\$1.9M (Bay)

\$10.7M

- Bid proposal: \$18.9M
- Funding available: \$8.8M (Broughton)

- Needed funds: \$8.2M
- Options:
 - 1. Issue additional bonds
 - 2. Consider value engineering project
 - 3. Explore other funding options like SPLOST VII