



MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU: Chris Brown, Public Works Director
Susan Norton, Chief of Staff

FROM: Matt Casey, Engineering Design Manager

DATE:

SUBJECT: **Approval of Change Order 4 with Benchmark Construction of NWA, Inc. for the Nelson Hackett Blvd. Improvements Project**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Change Order 4 with Benchmark Construction of NWA, Inc. for the Archibald Yell Blvd. Improvements Project which will increase the contract amount by \$23,351.20 and approval of a budget adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

On May 17, 2022, the City Council approved a contract with Benchmark Construction of NWA, Inc. for the construction of this project. Construction began in July of 2022 and is currently complete.

DISCUSSION:

After the bid was awarded to Benchmark Construction, their asphalt sub-contractor proposed a reduction in the unit cost price of asphalt overlay if we would consider a 1.5" overlay instead of a thinner ¾" overlay of Archibald Yell from MLK Blvd. to Rock Street. Staff evaluated the condition of the existing asphalt and the cost of this proposal. It was determined that this change would be a good benefit to the City. This change was covered under change order #3 which left only \$22,780.59 of contingency.

Change Order 4 is a reconciliation change order which changes the contract quantities to equal the actual constructed quantities. This results in the final contract amount equaling the final project cost. During construction there were minor overruns and underruns of quantities due to unexpected site conditions. The attached change order form lists the overruns and underruns for each of the bid items for the project. Unfortunately, the increase in the construction cost with these changes resulted in the final cost being \$570.61 over the remaining contingency amount approved by the City Council.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The City Council approved a construction contingency of \$300,000 for this project. Change Orders 1 -3 used \$277,219.41 of the contingency. Change Order 4 will use the \$22,780.59 remaining in contingency plus \$570.61 from the 2019 Transportation Bond Funds.

ACCOUNT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
4602.860.7221-5809.0046020.7221.1010		\$ 23,351.20

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ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), BA (#4), Change Order signed by Benchmark (#5)