

RESOLUTION NO. 206-2024(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Behnke Landscape Architecture for design services for the design of public spaces and streetscape areas along Noble Road and North & South Taylor Road; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, public spaces and streetscapes within the City of Cleveland Heights (the “City”) are important to its overall character and quality of life for residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, with equity and resiliency at its core, the community has a strong commitment to provide fair and just access to public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified and allocated funding towards improvements specifically to the Noble and Taylor Road corridors; and

WHEREAS, the City solicited bids for design services for the design of public spaces and streetscape areas along Noble Road and North & South Taylor Road through an RFP process; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 11, 2024, a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) was issued by the City for a consultant to provide design services for the design of public spaces and streetscape areas along Noble Road and North & South Taylor Road; and

WHEREAS, the City received five (5) responses, which were all deemed complete; and

WHEREAS, each of the responses were reviewed by the Department of Planning & Development staff; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating responses, Planning & Development staff recommended to the Mayor that Behnke Landscape Architecture, with offices located at 2658 Scranton Road, Suite 2, Cleveland, OH 44113, would provide the best service to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended that the services offered by Behnke Landscape Architecture best meets the City’s needs; and

WHEREAS, Behnke Landscape Architecture proposed providing such services for \$130,000; and

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WHEREAS, such services are proposed to be paid for via American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") and Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds and, therefore, will have no impact on the City's operating budget; and

WHEREAS, this Council supports retaining a design consultant to prepare the design of public spaces and streetscape areas along Noble Road and North & South Taylor Road and believes that such service would be in the interests of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to authorize a contract with Behnke Landscape Architecture for design services for the design of public spaces and streetscape areas along Noble Road and North & South Taylor Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Behnke Landscape Architecture to provide design services for the design of public spaces and streetscape areas along Noble Road and North & South Taylor Road. Compensation for the services detailed therein shall not exceed \$130,000. All agreements hereunder shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution on the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to encumber ARPA funds prior to December 31, 2024. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



TONY CUDA
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: November 4, 2024

Presented to Mayor: 11/07/2024 Approved: 11/14/2024



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor