



## Legislation Text

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### **ITEM TITLE:**

Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Huddle AK, LLC for the Meals Hill Development Design in the Amount of \$54,829.50

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nathan Duval, Assistant City Manager / Capital Facilities Director

### **FISCAL NOTES:**

Expenditure Required: \$54,829.50

Unencumbered Balance: \$582,989.25

Funding Source: 310-8160-94500 PARK Meals Hill Great Land

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Professional Services Agreement with Huddle AK, LLC for the Meals Hill Development Design in the amount of \$54,829.50

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The City initiated a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process on April 4, 2022 and closed 24 days later on April 28, 2022. Huddle was the selected contractor from the two respondents to the RFQ.

Council discussed the topic of funding the various aspects of the Meals Hill Master Plan on August 2, 2022 in a regular meeting and provided direction to pursue maximizing the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust (EVOS) funding awarded to the property through the Great Land Trust (GLT), approximately \$580,000.

GLT has agreed to fund design and partial implementation of Master Plan elements that preserve or correct previously impacted areas of Meals Hill. In an effort to determine the maximum value of the remaining EVOS funds the Huddle contract presented for approval is for the initial geotechnical evaluation and topographical survey necessary to design the various GLT approved elements with the understanding that the corresponding design will be funded with an amendment to this contract following future negotiations and coordination with GLT.

The field work contained within this contract needs to be completed when the weather is suitable and needs to be scheduled with subconsultants in order to complete the work before winter.

The contract value of this agreement does not necessitate Council approval but Staff has decided to bring it to Council for approval with the understanding that there are future amendments that will increase the contract value and because what is presented represents different approach than was discussed with Council on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Again, conversations will continue this fall with GLT, Huddle, Parks & Recreation, et.al in order to

ensure maximum utilization of the remaining funds from the initial \$900k conferred with the property. GLT has final approval authority over the utilization of the EVOS funds and their previous MOA with the City is referenced in the Huddle agreement.