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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Michael M. Tuller, AICP, Community Development Director

DATE: May 24, 2010

SUBJECT: Dunwoody Village Livable Centers Initiative – Contract Approval

ITEM DESCRIPTION

The Community Development Department recommends signing the contract with the Atlanta Regional Commission for the Dunwoody Village Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) grant program totaling \$80,000 in federal funds for a proposed Town Center master plan.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Fiscal Year 2010 budgetary process, \$125,000 was allocated by Mayor and City Council to entertain a master plan effort for the Dunwoody Village area of the city. In an effort to complement the scope of the project and potentially receive transportation project implementation funds, a LCI application was submitted by staff to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) in November of last year. In February, the Atlanta Regional Commission awarded the City of Dunwoody \$80,000 in LCI funds to study the potential of a redevelopment plan for the Dunwoody Village.

Through a highly competitive bid process where sixteen (16) local and national-level planning firms vied for the Dunwoody Village project and the Georgetown Area redevelopment plan, it was decided by the RFQ Review Team to endorse the Atlanta-based firm of Urban Collage as the preferred consultants for both master plan efforts. The LCI Study grant process calls for the City of Dunwoody to enter into a contract agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for these federal transportation funds.

The LCI proposal for Dunwoody Village includes but is not limited to considerations for transportation infrastructure projects, streetscape design options, Intelligent Transportation Systems (traffic signalization), alternative modes of transportation integration, mixed-use development typologies, and multi-generational housing options. The program will incorporate recommendations that address market-based economic realities and an extensive public engagement process as key components in the plan development process.

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FUNDING

The City of Dunwoody has established a budgetary approval process whereby any funding allocations to be spent over and above the original \$125,000 budgetary earmark amount for Dunwoody Village will have to go before Mayor and City Council for funding approval up to the \$80,000 figure allocated by the ARC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff respectfully requests Mayor and City Council: (1) authorize the signing of a Georgia Department of Transportation contract for \$80,000 in LCI Study funds for the Dunwoody Village Master Revitalization Plan; (2) authorize staff to provide funding for the contract; and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents following satisfactory review by legal counsel.

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