



## Legislation Text

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### **Bid Award - Professional Design Services for Wild Spaces Public Places (B)**

**This is a request for the City Commission to authorize the City to enter into continuing services agreements with seventeen (17) qualified Design Firms to help facilitate Wild Spaces Public Places Projects.**

The Voter Referendum on the Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) passed on November 8, 2016 and the collection of the ½ cent sales tax began on January 1, 2017. The Wild Spaces Public Places program office will need to utilize a diverse group of design professionals to carry out many of the Wild Spaces Public Places projects.

On January 29, 2018 the City of Gainesville issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Design Services for Wild Spaces Public Places Projects, bid WSPP-180054-DM. Written submittals from design professionals were due February 28, 2018 and oral presentations were conducted on March 29, 2018. The review panel found seventeen (17) design firms to be qualified to work on one or more Wild Spaces Public Places projects. Six (6) of the seventeen (17) design firms have offices in Gainesville. This contract shall remain in force for an initial period of three (3) years and may be renewed at the City's option for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

The Wild Spaces Public Places sales tax was approved by voters for eight years and is expected to generate \$46,551,152 in revenue to the City.

The City Commission: 1) award the Professional Design Services for Wild Spaces Public Places continuing services contract to seventeen (17) design firms; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.