City of Westwood Hills, Kansas Resolution 2021–4

Authorizing Emergency Debris Removal and Reduction Services

WHEREAS, the City of Westwood Hills, Kansas, (the "City") recognizes the threat that natural hazards and disasters pose to people and property within our community; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of undertaking planning and contracting to expedite clean-up and the recovery process in Westwood Hills in the event of a debris generating disaster that overwhelms the ability of the City and any agreement for public works services from the City of Westwood to respond effectively; and;

WHEREAS, having a contractor in place will allow the City to move through the response phase and into the disaster recovery phase in a timely manner and to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") requirements for an approved Debris Management Plan, which would allow the City to receive an additional 2% federal cost share reimbursement from FEMA during a federally declared disaster; and

WHEREAS, procuring debris management services once a disaster has occurred would be impracticable delaying any City response and denying it the benefits of pre-planning for disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City joined with Johnson County, Kansas, (the "County"), sixteen other cities within the County, and Johnson County Community College to review all eight (8) responsive proposals received in response to the County's Request for Proposals #2019-020 (the "RFP") for Emergency Debris Removal and Reduction Services. The RFP was competitive and consisted of notices to 316 firms, advertisement in the local newspaper, and posting on the County's website and on the electronic bidding site powered by Ionwave Technologies; and

WHEREAS, the selection process, in which the City's Mayor Schwach participated, recommended two firms -- Phillips & Jordan, Inc., and Ashbritt, Inc.-- with both of whom the County would enter into a term and supply contract starting in 2021 with the right to renew the service for four (4) additional one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, the City's physical size means that its debris generation would be small in comparison to the County's and that it would need only a single contractor for its debris removal needs; and

WHEREAS, Phillips & Jordan, Inc received a slightly higher score in its evaluation;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Governing Body of the City of Westwood Hills, Kansas:

Section 1. The City of Westwood Hills, Kansas authorizes Mayor Paula L. Schwach to enter into a contract with Phillips & Jordan, Inc., incorporating among its terms, the RFP, the response to the RFP by Phillips & Jordan, Inc., and the terms and conditions of the County's term and supply contract for Debris Removal

and Reduction Services, including the proposed cost which will be a fixed price as a cost per cubic yard by debris type, but with tipping costs to be negotiated at the time of any disaster, for a period of one year with the option to renew for up to four (4) additional one year periods.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted by the governing body of the City of Westwood Hills, Kansas, and signed by the Mayor this 8th day of November, 2021.

By: Paula L. Schwach, Mayor

Attest:

Beth O'Bryan, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

James R. Orr, City Attorney