

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
OCTOBER 2, 2024, AGENDA**

<p>Subject: Authorization of a contract with Sasaki Associates, Inc. for the development of a Masterplan for Downtown I-30 Crossing Park.</p> <p>Submitted By: Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p>Action Required: Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By: Emily Cox Acting City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Sasaki Associates, Inc., for the development of a Masterplan for Downtown I-30 Crossing Park.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The amount is not to exceed \$750,000.00, and funding is allocated with American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Account No. 271459 G0601AR45M 63390.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The recently completed Downtown Masterplan identifies the ARDOT I-30 Crossing project new 15-acre open space as new parkland with emphasis on the development of a new Downtown Central Park. This masterplan process would provide for community input and development of plans for park development while working with the multitude of private and public partners adjacent or within the park impact area.</p> <p>The City issued Bid No. 2569, and Sasaki Associates, Inc., was selected by the Selection Committee out of a total of 3 submissions.</p>	