

# Council Agenda Item 26-0274R



**MEETING DATE:** April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT L31294 WITH CONFLUENCE, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE PRILEY CIRCLE RESTORATION PROJECT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$29,000.00 AND A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$384,135.00.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ted Blenkush, Construction Project Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** n/a

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Council approved the agreement via 25-0730R on September 22nd, 2025.

**BACKGROUND:** This amendment authorizes additional consulting services for the assessment of properties adjacent to the Duluth Civic Center as requested by Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) during their initial review of this project. These services are required to define the project's Area of Potential Effect and identify the potential eligibility of and site's inclusion in a separate but adjoining historic district related to the more recent period of Urban Renewal in Duluth. This assessment is necessary to establish the criteria and guidelines for efforts to design improvements to Priley Circle, which must result in a finding of "No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties Determination" by both the General Service Administration and State Historic Preservation Office, due to a portion of the property having federal ownership and the project receiving federal funds.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** The City has separate Memorandum Of Understanding agreements with both St. Louis County and the General Service Administration to reimburse the City for one-third of the costs for the project from design through construction, limited up to \$1,000,000 from each agency. The City's portion of funding was budgeted and approved through the Capital Improvement Plan for 2025, 2026, and planned in 2027.

**OPTIONS:** Approving the amendment will expand the scope of work for assessing properties adjacent to the Duluth Civic Center in relation to defining historical significance, potential for registry listing, and establishing criteria for required design approvals.

If the amendment is not approved, design progress for restoring Priley Circle would be paused.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approving the amendment is necessary to proceed in developing the project under the anticipated timeline of completing construction in 2027.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Exhibit A (proposal)