

Agenda Report

August 17, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BIDS FOR LINDA VISTA PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council reject all bids received on April 22, 2015 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for the Linda Vista Park Playground Renovation project.

BACKGROUND:

This project is part of the capital project, School Park Site Improvements, which is in the adopted FY 2016 – 2020 Capital Improvement Program budget and includes the removal and replacement of play equipment and new concrete walkway and site furnishings.

On March 26, 2015, a Notice Inviting Bids for this project was advertised in the *Pasadena Journal*, five trade publications, and on two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 34 contractors, 14 of whom submitted bids for the project. The lowest bid received was \$122,914, which was within the range of the Engineer's Estimate of \$120,000 to \$130,000.

The Department of Public Works recommends rejecting all bids. After three community meetings, which resulted in a design concept for the playground, Public Works staff developed a detailed design and cost estimate. Unfortunately, the project supported by the community had an estimated cost that exceeded the available budget. In response staff reduced the scope of the design so that it would be within budget and advertised for bid. During the bidding/contract execution phase, the revised design was reviewed with the community and was met with opposition. Because of this, staff now plans to return to the original design concept and prepare a new bid package. A recommendation for additional funding will be brought to City Council in September 2015.

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COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project is consistent with the City Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. It also supports the Public Facilities and Land Use Elements of the General Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

There is no environmental impact of this action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Rejection of bids will have no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,

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