

Agenda Report

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 1998

FROM:

CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT NO. 16,519 WITH PERRY C. THOMAS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONDUIT SYSTEMS, VAULTS, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS WORK FOR THE WATER AND POWER

DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the General Manager to extend Contract No. 16,519 with Perry C. Thomas Construction Company for a period of one year or an amount not to exceed \$500,000, whichever occurs first, pursuant to Specification LD-97-09, construction of underground electrical conduit systems, vaults, and other miscellaneous work for the Water and Power Department.

BACKGROUND

The Water and Power Department has an ongoing program that propagates and extends its underground electrical system by installing underground conduits and vaults for new electrical services and converting overhead to underground services.

In December 1997, the City and Perry C. Thomas Construction Company entered into Contract No. 16,519. The term of the contract was for one year with year to year extensions, not to exceed two years subject to City Council approval. The original contract year expires on December 16, 1998.

To continue maintaining reliable and safe electrical service to the community, the Department seeks approval to extend this contract for the first extension period. The contractor has submitted proposed labor rates for the extension. The overall price increase is 3% for the first optional extension period. Following review of UCLA's consumer price index for FY98, which projects increases of between 2.5% and 3.0%, staff believes cost increase for services is reasonable.

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The recommended contract amount of \$500,000 is based on historical costs and anticipated workload. The actual expenditure under the present contract has averaged \$500,000 for a one year period.

Perry Thomas Construction Company has provided the necessary documentation to indicate current compliance with the Living Wage Ordinance P.M.C.4.11. The proposed contract is in compliance with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance P.M.C.4.09 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is an annual contract not to exceed \$500,000. Funds are available from the 1999 and 2000 Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Budget, Account Number 3002, "Distribution System Expansion Aid to Construction."

Respectfully submitted,

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