

Agenda Report

To: City Council

Date: July 9, 2001

From: City Manager

Subject: Authorization To Enter Into A Contract With Asplundh Tree Expert Company For Powerline Clearance Tree Trimming Services For The Water and Power Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated May 24, 2001, submitted by Asplundh Tree Expert Company in response to Specifications LD-01-1 for tree trimming services for the Water and Power Department;
2. Reject all other bids; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for a period of three years, with two one-year extensions requiring no additional Council action, for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 annually.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California, Public Utilities Commission, General Order 95 requires the trimming of trees located in close proximity to overhead distribution lines and is necessary to avoid creating safety hazards and causing service outages. The Specification was prepared specifically for tree trimming to maintain safe power line clearance and has been approved by the Public Works Department, Parks and Natural Resources, Forestry Supervisor. Every effort is made to maintain the natural character of the trees trimmed while adhering to the requirements of the law. As a part of the specification, the tree trimming job supervisor is required to be a certified arborist. In addition, the Parks and Natural Resources certified arborist will also conduct periodic inspections.

The current contract, with Davey Tree Surgery Company, originated in July 1997, and has recently expired. During the entire period of the contract, an average of 4800 trees were trimmed annually, of which 80% of the trees were rear property trees. Trimming costs were, and will continue to be billed on a per hour basis. The goal for the Department continues to be the trimming of an average 4800 trees annually.

Specification LD-01-1 were prepared and distributed to a total of nine (9) contractors; four bid submittals were received. Bids were opened in the City Clerks office on May 25, 2001. The companies with their bid prices are listed as follows:

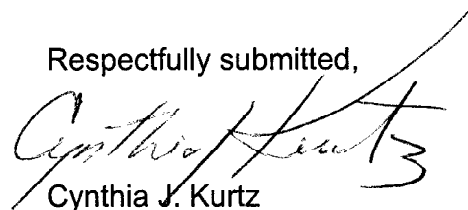
<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Total Bid Price Per Crew Hour</u>
Asplundh Tree Experts	\$215.43
Davey Tree Surgery	\$216.44
Tip Top Arborist	\$259.94
Tru Green Land Care	\$524.00

The proposed contract complies with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance P.M.C. 40.09 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

FISCAL IMPACT:

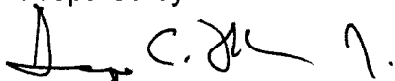
Funds for this contract are available in the Power Division's Fiscal Year 2001-2001 operating budget, Account Number 8116-401-843210-10-0593-20208, Maintenance of Overhead Lines – Distribution.

Respectfully submitted,



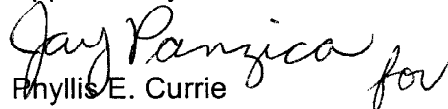
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