

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** MAY 24, 2004

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR CENTRAL PARK TO MODIFY THE TYPE OF WALKWAY/SECURITY LIGHTS, BENCHES, TRASH CONTAINERS, AND BOLLARDS TO BE USED IN THE PARK, AND ADD A TRASH ENCLOSURE; AND AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TORRES CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE WALKWAYS, SITE FURNISHINGS, TRASH ENCLOSURE, CONDUITS, AND FIXTURE FOOTINGS AT CENTRAL PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$360,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Amend the Central Master Plan to modify the type of walkway/security lights, benches, trash containers, and bollards to be used in the park, and add a trash enclosure as shown in attachments A, B and C;
2. Accept the bid dated May 5, 2004, submitted by Torres Construction Corp. in response to the specifications for Central Park Lighting and Walkway Replacement, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$360,000.00, which includes the base bid of \$312,440.50, and \$47,559.50 for any additional work the City may order pursuant to the project specifications (a portion of the additional work to be added was omitted from the bid package to keep the scope of the project within the project budget);
3. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1984 in accordance with Article 19, Section 15302 (Class 2), Replacement and Reconstruction, (replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency; and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION:

On January 26, 2004, this recommendation was presented to the Design Commission for consideration. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the amendment be approved, with the following modifications:

- A four-foot, Old-Pasadena-style bench be used;
- The waste container specified in the Master Plan be used;
- An existing north-south walkway located west of the north lawn bowling court be removed and replaced with turf per the Central Park Master Plan. The new lights in the center of the park will be placed near tree masses in the same general area as the walk that is to be removed.
- The globe of the security lights include internal or external shielding to reduce upward glare;
- The width of the elliptical walkway be widened at the south end of the ellipse to more closely conform to the layout shown in the master plan.

Staff concurs with these modifications and the proposed amendment incorporates all of these recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION:

On February 3, 2004, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the Central Master Plan be amended to modify the type of walkway/security lights, benches, trash containers, and bollards to be used in the park, and also to add a trash enclosure, including the modifications proposed by the Design Commission.

BACKGROUND:**Amendment to the Central Park Master Plan**

The adopted Master Plan for Central Park specifies that specific types of walkway/security lights, benches, trash containers, and bollards be used (see attachment D). In the case of walkway/security lighting, the plan specifies that a total of 270 24"-high path lights be used throughout the park. Staff recommends that a total of 54 Old Pasadena Type Three street lights be used instead (see attachment B). The path lights proposed in the plan would not provide as much illumination within the park as the street lights; they are not based on any historic pattern, and they would be much more likely to suffer from vandalism than the Old Pasadena Type Three street lights. In addition, the cost of installing the path lights would be higher than the cost of the streetlights. The Old Pasadena Type Three street light conforms to the Master Plan's recommendation that "light fixtures should reflect a historic design, similar to the light fixtures found throughout historic Pasadena." The lights will be painted to match the existing Type Three streetlights found throughout Old Pasadena. The lights will be painted to match the existing Type Three street lights found throughout Old Pasadena.

The Master Plan also contains specific recommendations as to the type of site furniture to be used in the park (see attachment D). The benches and trash containers that staff proposes to use in the park are very similar to the type shown in the Master Plan (see attachment B). They are more economical and are used in other parks throughout the city. The use of standard types of site furniture greatly facilitates the maintenance, repair, and replacement of park amenities. In addition, these benches and trash containers are of a very high quality and have proven to be vandal-resistant. The benches and trash containers will be black.

The Master Plan contains a recommendation for a bicycle bollard (please see attachment D). Since these bollards are located in the middle of walkways at the park's access points, they would not be good locations for bicycle storage. The bicycle bollard could be used as a part of a future set of improvements to the park. Staff is proposing to use bollards at various points to restrict vehicle access into the park (see attachment B). The design of this bollard is consistent with the historic character of the park. The bollards will be painted green to match the existing Type Two streetlights found throughout Old Pasadena.

The proposed trash enclosure (see attachment C) will be located adjacent to the proposed restroom and tool room. Several dumpsters are kept in the park at all times. The proposed enclosure will screen the dumpsters from view in a safer, more secure location.

The Central Park Lighting and Walkway Replacement Project

The Central Park Lighting and Walkway Replacement project will remove a large portion of the existing asphalt walkways in the park and replace these walkways with new concrete walkways. The replacement walkways will provide a safer, more accessible surface than the existing deteriorated walkways. This project will also provide for the installation of new site furnishings, a trash enclosure, electrical conduits, and footings for the proposed Old-Pasadena-type light fixtures. The wiring and lights will be installed in a subsequent project that will go to bid later this year. The lights are funded by an MTA Grant and the funds will not be released until this October. Replacement of the walkways and lighting system at this park is included in the adopted Capital Improvement Program.

The total bid price of the improvements did not exceed the engineer's estimate. The lowest bidder is capable of performing the work in a reasonable and professional manner. It is anticipated that construction will begin in July 2004 and will be complete in September 2004.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Star News on April 15, 2004. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in four trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by twenty-seven contractors, six of whom submitted bids for the project.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Torres Construction Corp., Los Angeles	\$ 312,440.50
2. E. C. Construction Co., South El Monte	\$ 331,106.85
3. Kalban, Inc., Sun Valley	\$ 410,543.93
4. Vido Samartzich, Inc., Alta Loma	\$ 415,520.00
5. Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc., Hawaiian Gardens	\$ 427,275.00
6. Minco Construction, Harbor City	\$ 740,845.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 427,542.50

The bid submitted by Torres Construction Corp. is the lowest responsive bid. It is, therefore, recommended that the firm be awarded a contract for the project.

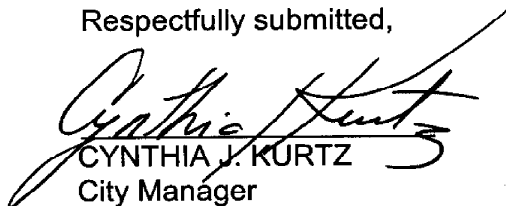
The proposed contract with Torres Construction Corp. fully complies with the competitive bidding ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as did the Contractor selection process. Since the low bid was well under the estimated cost of the project, there is sufficient funding to allow the use of a 15% contingency. Approximately 5% of the increased contingency will be used to add a section of walkway replacement and four light pole footings, conduit, and pullboxes to the project. This work was omitted from the bid package to keep the scope of the project within the project budget. The proposed contract with Torres Construction Corp. will be as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 312,440.50
Contingency Allowances	\$ 47,559.50
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 360,000.00

FISCAL IMPACT:

The amendment of the master plan will not result in an increase in the cost to implement the master plan. Sufficient funding is available in the Central Park – Walkway Lights and Security Lighting System and Walkways Replacement project (budget account 78787) of the Capital Improvement Program to cover the cost of this contract.


Respectfully submitted,


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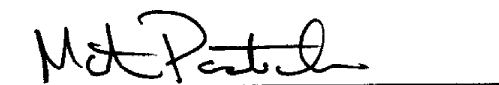
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