

Agenda Report

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

Date: October 18, 2004

FROM:

CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BID - INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT

ORANGE GROVE BOULEVARD AND GARFIELD AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council reject the sole bid received on September 29, 2004, in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Traffic Signals at Orange Grove Boulevard and Garfield Avenue and authorize the City Manager to call for new bids.

BACKGROUND

This project called for the installation of a traffic signal to replace the pedestrian flasher at this intersection. After this project was advertised, City crews installed a temporary traffic signal which is to be replaced by this permanent signal.

The Public Works Department prepared plans and specifications and bids have been requested and received.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on September 16, 2004. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in five trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 11 contractors, 1 of whom submitted a bid for the project.

Following advertising, the one bid was received on September 29, 2004 as follows:

Bidder Amount

Macadee Electrical Construction, Chino Hills

\$98,869.00

Engineer's Estimate

\$67,175.00

This bid exceeds the Engineer's Estimate by 47.18%.

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There are several very large traffic signal projects under way throughout Southern California and most of the contractors who normally bid City projects are quite busy and are not bidding small projects. Since there is a temporary traffic signal in place, the urgency to install the permanent traffic signal is lessened. Therefore, staff is proposing that this bid be rejected and the work at this location be added to other similar work to be bid later this year.

Following advertising and contract award of the expanded project, it is expected that construction will begin in February 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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