

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 14, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO YARAK FOR SOUTH LAKE AVENUE
STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN COLORADO
BOULEVARD AND CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD, FOR AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$755,000**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid, dated July 2, 2008, submitted by Yarak in response to the specifications for South Lake Avenue Streetscape Improvements between Colorado Boulevard and California Boulevard; and reject all other bids received; and Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$755,000; and
2. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Article 19, Section 15304, subsection (b) of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with section 21084 of the Public Resources Code.

BACKGROUND:

The project will provide for the installation of an electrical system, low-flow irrigation system which eliminates overspray and a planting list that includes a significant number of drought tolerant plants in the median islands on South Lake Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and California Boulevard. The work includes the removal of existing shrubs, groundcovers, soil, and the installation of new electrical outlets, tree uprights, irrigation, and planting. This project is included in the City's adopted Capital Improvement Program and based on design approved by the South Lake Business District Board last year.

Plans and specifications for the subject project were prepared by the Department of Public Works.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on June 11, 2008. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and two websites. Bid packets were obtained by twenty contractors, seven of whom submitted bids for the project.

In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids have been requested and received.

Following advertising, bids were received on July 2, 2008, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Marina Landscape	Non-Responsive
2. Yarak	\$618,257
3. JFL Electric Inc.	\$628,456
4. C.S. Legacy	\$643,974
5. Belaire West	\$684,290
6. S.H.E. Engineering	\$699,563
7. G. Coast Construction	\$714,220
Engineer's Estimate	\$638,308

The total bid price of the improvements from the lowest responsive bidder was 3.14% lower than the engineer's estimate. Sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Program to fund the project. Staff believes the lowest responsive bidder is capable of performing the work in a reasonable and professional manner. It is anticipated that construction will begin in August 2008, and will be completed by November 2008.

It is recommended that Yarak be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that all other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with Yarak fully complies with the competitive bidding ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as did the Contractor selection process. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to the present workforce.

The proposed contract with Yarak will be as follows:

Base Bid	\$618,257
Contingency Allowance	\$136,743
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$755,000

The contingency proposed at \$136,743 includes \$75,000 for additional landscape work not included in the base bid, and \$61,743 for project contingency. The bid was not changed during bidding due to the critical timing of this project. The additional work will be based on unit pricing supplied as part of the base bid and still within project budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in Capital Improvement Program budget account number 73706 - South Lake Avenue Streetscape Improvements, which includes \$200,000 in funds from South Lake Business Improvement District.

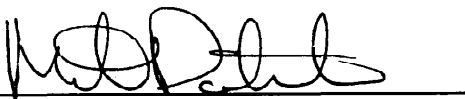
Respectfully submitted,


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