

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 12, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO GRACE BUILDING MAINTENANCE CO., INC., FOR THE PLANTING OF STREET TREES ON COLORADO BOULEVARD FROM LOS ROBLES AVENUE TO LAKE AVENUE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing) 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; and
2. Accept the bid dated December 17, 2008, submitted by Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., in response to the Specifications for the Planting of Street Trees on Colorado Boulevard, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$130,000.

BACKGROUND:

This project involves the planting of street trees along Colorado Boulevard between Los Robles and Lake Avenue within the Pasadena Playhouse District. The project is part of the Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscape Plan involving a variety of improvements such as street lighting, benches, bicycle racks, trash receptacles, and tree grates. The improvements were categorized into construction phases where each phase covered different sections within the Playhouse District. The first phase involved the removal of the

existing carrotwood trees along Colorado Boulevard; planting Mexican Fan Palm trees, installing street furniture and street lights along El Molino Avenue.

The second phase, which was recently awarded and will begin construction in January 2009, includes the removal and planting of new street trees and the installation of new street lighting along Oakland Avenue, Madison Avenue, Oak Knoll Avenue, and Hudson Avenue. Union Street will only have new street lighting installed as part of its improvements.

This project is the next phase for the Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscape Plan planting Mexican Fan Palm and Maidenhair Trees along Colorado Boulevard. Table I (attached) shows the tree data encompassing the Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscape Plan.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made in the FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program and can be found on page 2.20.

Under the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt since the work consists of minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The Department of Public Works prepared specifications for this project and bids have been received.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Star News on November 27, 2008. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and on two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 38 contractors, 15 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on December 17, 2008, and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., (Grace Landscape Services (dba)), Los Angeles	\$ 111,452.00
2.	Mega Way Enterprises, Pomona	\$ 126,638.00
3.	Two Horse Construction, La Puente	\$ 134,880.00
4.	Land Forms Landscape Construction, Laguna Niguel	\$ 138,358.11
5.	Lasting Image Landscape, Chino Hills	\$ 148,501.86
6.	FS Construction, Sylmar	\$ 153,013.00
7.	America West Landscape, Inc., Chino	\$ 161,397.98
8.	Addscape, Inc., DBA Alpha Omega Builders	\$ 161,626.00
9.	Tropical Creations, Inc., Northridge	\$ 178,465.47
10.	Yakar, San Dimas	\$ 183,101.00
11.	Grandview Tree Surgery Corp., Monrovia	\$ 198,090.09
12.	Majich Bros., Inc., Altadena	\$ 231,002.00
13.	Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., Irwindale	\$ 259,603.00

14. Bennett Landscape, Harbor City	\$ 335,023.99
15. Allison's New Leaf, Inc., DBA Tri-Valley Landscape, Thousand Oaks	Non Responsive
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 165,866.00

The lowest responsive bid received was 32.8 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate. Therefore, it is recommended that Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc. be awarded a contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that the other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to its present workforce.

The contract will be set up as follows:

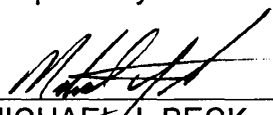
Base Bid	\$ 111,452
Contingency Allowance	\$ 18,548
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 130,000

It is anticipated that work will begin in February 2009 and be completed in April 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:

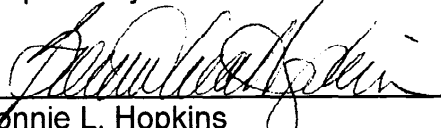
Funds for this project are available in Budget Account No. 73397, Playhouse District Streetscape and Paseo Plan - Phase I.

Respectfully submitted,



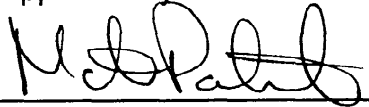
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**TABLE I
PROPOSED TREE DATA**

PLANTING OF TREES ON COLORADO BOULEVARD FROM LOS ROBLES AVENUE TO LAKE AVENUE				
STREET NAME	LIMITS	REMOVING	REMAINING	
COLORADO BL	LOS ROBLES AV to OAKLAND AV	(9) Carrotwood	(11) Maidenhair Tree	
	OAKLAND AV to MADISON AV	(5) Carrotwood (2) Ficus	(9) Maidenhair Tree	
	MADISON AV to EL MOLINO AV	(1) Carrotwood (2) Ficus	(4) Mexican Fan Palm (9) Maidenhair Tree	
	EL MOLINO AV to OAK KNOLL AV	(1) Carrotwood (4) Ficus	(11) Maidenhair Tree	
	OAK KNOLL AV to HUDSON AV	(4) Carrotwood (2) Ficus	(7) Maidenhair Tree	
	HUDSON AV to LAKE AV	(3) Ficus (2) London Plane Tree	(6) Maidenhair Tree	
	TOTAL	35	57	77
	PLANTING OF STREET TREES ON OAKLAND AVENUE, MADISON AVENUE, OAK KNOLL AVENUE, AND HUDSON AVENUE (CONTRACT AWARDED TO YAKAR 10/27/2008)			
OAKLAND AV	UNION ST to COLORADO BL	(3) Indian Laurel Fig	(21) White Crape Myrtle	
MADISON AV	COLORADO BL to GREEN ST	(2) Southern Magnolia	(22) White Crape Myrtle	
	UNION ST to COLORADO BL		(2) Southern Magnolia	
	COLORADO BL to GREEN ST	(2) Indian Laurel Fig	(6) Pink Tabebuia	
	UNION ST to COLORADO BL		(6) Pink Tabebuia	
OAK KNOLL AV	COLORADO BL to GREEN ST		(7) Pink Tabebuia	
HUDSON AV	UNION ST to COLORADO BL	(1) Carrotwood	(6) Southern Live Oak	
	COLORADO BL to GREEN ST		(1) Southern Live Oak	
TOTAL	8	62	71	