

Agenda Report

November 8, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Public Works
SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO EC CONSTRUCTION, FOR CIVIC CENTER MID-TOWN IMPROVEMENTS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,263,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that, on July 16, 2009, the project herein was found to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) Existing Facilities, of the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3. This exemption includes minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing, and there are no changed circumstances or new information which would require further environmental review;
2. Accept the bid dated October 25, 2010, submitted by EC Construction, in response to the Project Specifications for the Civic Center Mid-Town Improvements, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$3,263,000.

BACKGROUND:

This project consists of the improvement of streetscape and walkway elements in the City of Pasadena Civic Center Mid-Town area such as street repair, curb, gutter, sidewalk, brick sidewalk, curb ramps, storm drain facilities, landscaping, lighting, signage, graphics and street furniture. A grant from the Metropolitan Transit Authority was secured to reimburse the majority of the project cost.

The Department of Public Works prepared Plans and Specifications for the subject project. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids have been requested and received. The project was advertised in the Pasadena Star-News on September 16, 2010. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two

trade publications, listed on one website, and mailed out to 41 potential bidders. Bid packets were obtained by 45 contractors, ten of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were opened on October 25, 2010, and are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. EC Construction, South El Monte, CA	\$3,057,797.00
2. Shawnan, Downey, CA	\$3,158,075.00
3. Minako America Corporation, Gardena, CA	\$3,162,520.00
4. Griffith Company, Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$3,196,385.63
5. Elite Bobcat Services, Inc., Corona, CA	\$3,421,560.20
6. Sully-Miller Contracting Company, Brea, CA	\$3,504,262.80
7. Toro Enterprises, Inc., Oxnard, CA	\$3,654,613.89
8. L.A. Builders, Inc., Van Nuys, CA	\$4,214,110.00
9. G2K Construction, Inc., Agoura Hills, CA	\$4,318,691.50
10. Palp Inc., Long Beach, CA	\$6,258,820.20
Engineer's Estimate	\$3,199,488.00

It is recommended that EC Construction be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with EC Construction fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in one new hire to his present workforce.

The contract for this project will be set as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 3,057,797
Contingency Allowance	\$ <u>205,203</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 3,263,000

It is anticipated that the construction will begin in February 2011 and be completed in June 2011.

In anticipation of lower bid amounts due to the economic downturn, the scope of work was expanded from the original Metropolitan Transit Authority grant application to include inlaid brick sidewalk along Garfield Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and Union Street, and between Ramona Street and Walnut Street; and replacement of the brick crosswalk at the intersection of Colorado Boulevard and Garfield Avenue. The cost of the additional work is \$400,000. The lowest bid received was only 5% lower than the engineer's estimate. At a future date, \$200,000 in Downtown Redevelopment Area Funds to the Civic Center/Mid-Town Improvements project will be requested to encompass the additional work beyond the original grant application. This additional work will allow for a continuous inlaid brick sidewalk and crosswalks along Garfield Avenue from Colorado Boulevard to Walnut Street

in accordance with the Pasadena Civic Center Mid-Town District Plan. If the future request of Downtown Redevelopment Area Funds is not approved, the additional work will be deleted from the project scope.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION

This project supports the City Council Strategic Goal to Improve, Maintain and Enhance public facilities and infrastructure. It also supports the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan by maintaining public facilities to enhance the quality of life of the community. A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 2.11 of the FY 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program.

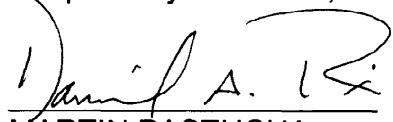
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

On July 16, 2009, the City's Environmental Administrator determined the project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in Section 15301 (c), Existing Facilities, of the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3. This exemption includes minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing. A Notice of Exemption for the project was filed with Los Angeles County Clerk on July 23, 2009. There are no changed circumstances or new information which would require further environmental review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this project comes from the Pasadena Community Development Commission and a grant from the Metropolitan Transit Authority and is available in Capital Improvement Program Budget Account 73200 (Civic Center/Mid-Town Improvements). There is sufficient funding in this account to complete the original scope of work per the Metropolitan Transit Authority grant. At a future date, staff will request \$200,000 in Downtown Redevelopment Area Funds be appropriated to this project to fund additional work beyond the original grant application. If that request is denied, the additional work will be deleted from the contract scope.

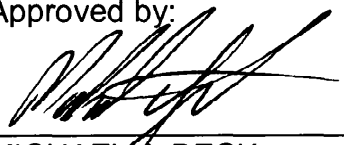
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