

Agenda Report

DATE: June 6, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO VART CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR OLD PASADENA STREETSCAPES AND ALLEY WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$427,505

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that, on April 2, 2011, the project proposed herein was found to be 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, and there are no changed circumstances or new information which would require further environmental review; and
2. Accept the bid dated May 18, 2011, submitted by Vart Construction Inc., in response to the Project Specifications for the Old Pasadena Streetscapes and Alley Walkway 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 \$427,505.

BACKGROUND:

This project consists of various street repairs and improvements in the Old Pasadena Business District area. The work consists of alley pavement repairs; construction of gutters; replacement of missing and damaged tree grates; sidewalk repairs; and miscellaneous appurtenant work. Some of the locations include Brainard Alley, Exchange Alley, Hayes Alley, Kendall Alley, Pacific Alley, Raymond Avenue, Green Street and Union Street.

This project is in the adopted FY 2011 – 2015 Capital Improvement Program and a finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 2.8 of the FY 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program.

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

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on April 28, 2011. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and listed on two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 21 contractors, 9 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on May 18, 2011, and are as follows:

	<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	Vart Construction Inc., Glendale	\$328,850.00
2.	Kormx Inc., Walnut	\$343,800.00
3.	Nobest Inc. , Garden Grove	\$449,000.00
4.	Sully Miller Contracting Inc, Brea.	\$467,815.00
5.	Anchor Construction, La Verne	\$678,993.25
6.	Mallcraft Inc., Pasadena	\$728,923.00
7.	Martinez Concrete Inc., Azusa	\$736,242.40
8.	Kalban Inc., Sun Valley	\$771,150.00
9.	Vido Samarzich, Inc., Alta Loma	\$778,010.00

The lowest bid received was 54.3 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate of \$719,200. Consequently, the contingency allowance, normally 10% of bid amount, was increased to 30% to take advantage of the low unit prices of the various concrete repair items. This additional work will include alley repairs to Mercantile Place between Fair Oaks Avenue and Raymond Avenue.

It is recommended that Vart Construction Inc. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with Vart Construction 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 his present workforce and will comply with the City's Local Hiring Program requirements.

The contract for this project will be set as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 328,850
Contingency Allowance	\$ <u>98,655</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 427,505

It is anticipated that construction will begin in July 2011 and be completed in September 2011.

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COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The project is consistent with the City Council's 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.

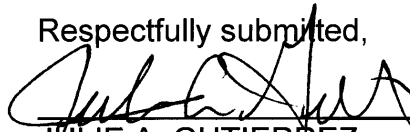
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

On April 2, 2011, 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 the Los Angeles County Clerk on November 23, 2010. There are no changed circumstances or new information which would require further environmental review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of the contract is \$427,505 including \$328,850 in base contract and a contingency of \$96,655. Sufficient funding in the form of Old Pasadena Redevelopment Tax Increment Funds is available in Budget Account 73935.

Respectfully submitted,



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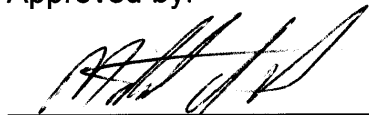
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