

Agenda Report

March 30, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BIDS FOR YWCA – STRUCTURAL SHORING PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Find that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5)(projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- Reject the bids received on February 27, 2020 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for YWCA – Structural Shoring Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Works and its consultant prepared plans and specifications for the subject project. The project scope of work includes labor and material services to design, furnish, and install structural shoring to remain in place at various locations to support the structure of the existing building formerly known as the YWCA located at 79 North Marengo Avenue. The bid specifications provided the opportunity to award the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

A Notice Inviting Bids was advertised in the Pasadena Journal and on PlanetBids on February 6, 2020 and February 13, 2020. The Notice Inviting Bids generated 2,423 notices to prospective bidders. Bid packages were obtained by 43 vendors. None of the prospective bidders were local to Pasadena.

Two bids were received and publicly opened on February 27, 2020. However, upon detailed review of the bid proposals, it was determined that the unit bid prices significantly exceeded the engineer's estimate and further investigation to determine whether certain items of work may be eliminated in order to meet the budget available is warranted.

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Public Works will advertise updated plans and specifications for competitive bidding selection within two weeks of rejection of the previous bids by City Council. The project will advertise for three weeks and Public Works will return to City Council in six weeks for contract award. The delay in installing the structural shoring will not have a detrimental effect on the building.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Rejecting all bids supports the City Council's goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines statutorily exempt from CEQA "projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves." The rejection of bids for YWCA – Structural Shoring project is statutorily exempt from CEQA per these Sections.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action has no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,

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