

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

August 10, 1998

FROM: Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Putney Road Storm Drain:
Construction Contract Award

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Accept the bid, dated June 23, 1998, from Zamanian Construction & Engineering in response to the specifications for the Putney Road Storm Drain project, reject all other bids received, and authorize the Acting City Manager to enter into such contract as required. The amount of the proposed contract is \$105,000.
- (2) Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines (minor alteration of an existing street) and authorize the Acting City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption therefor with the Los Angeles County Clerk.
- (3) Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$10,000 in Sewer Funds to Budget Account 76515 (Putney Road Storm Drain).

BACKGROUND:

Plans and specifications for the subject project, which is included in the adopted Capital Improvement Program, were prepared by the Public Works and Transportation Department. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids have been requested and received.

The project provides for the installation of a storm drain system in Putney Road from Devon Road to 1716 Putney Road that will eliminate flooding on Putney Road. The project also provides for the replacement of the 4-foot wide substandard curb and gutter with standard 2-foot wide curb and gutter on this reach of Putney Road.

In order to carry out the project, it was necessary to obtain written permission to enter upon those abutting frontages impacted by the proposed construction. Signed Right of Entry forms have been obtained from the owners of the two directly affected lots on the north side of Putney Road.

A finding of compliance with the Mobility Element of the General Plan was previously made and is shown on Page 8.14 of the approved FY 1998-2002 Capital Improvement Program.

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines (minor alteration of an existing street) and it is recommended that the Acting City Manager be authorized to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption therefor with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Weekly on May 19, 1998. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and letters were sent to 11 minority contracting organizations informing them of the project and requesting that members of their organizations submit bids. Bid packets were obtained by 18 contractors, including four protected class owned firms – one of which submitted a bid for the project.

Bids were opened on June 23, 1998 and the results were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. *Zamanian Construction & Engineering, Encino	\$ 91,524.60
2. Zaich Construction, Inc., Northridge	\$ 94,860.00
3. Clarke Contracting Corp., Lawndale	\$ 96,972.56
4. Majich Bros., Inc., Altadena	\$ 136,018.00
5. John T. Malloy, Inc., Los Angeles	\$ 175,035.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 76,939.00

*Indicates Protected Class Owned Firm

The bid submitted by Zamanian Construction & Engineering is the lowest responsive and responsible bid received. That it is 19 percent higher than the Engineer's Estimate is chiefly attributable to the large volume of underground construction in Southern California at this time – a condition previously noted in connection with the June 10, 1998 bid opening for the considerably larger Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard Trunk Sewer project. Although rejection of the bids and re-advertising for new bids next year could conceivably result in cost savings, this course of action would delay beyond another rainy season the relief from flooding promised the residents of the lower section of Putney Road several years ago. Of course, there is also no guarantee that re-advertising for new bids would result in cost savings. Accordingly, it is recommended that Zamanian Construction & Engineering be awarded a contract for the project.

The proposed contract with Zamanian Construction & Engineering fully complies with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as did the contractor selection process. Zamanian Construction & Engineering is a newly licensed contractor consisting solely of its owner/sole proprietor. The owner has advised that he expects to obtain the new hires required to construct the project from a pool of capable friends, associates, and others that he has worked with in the construction industry. If unsuccessful, however, he is willing to use employment referral services furnished by the City.

The proposed contract with Zamanian Construction & Engineering will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 91,524.60
Contingency Allowance	<u>13,475.40</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$105,000.00

A 14.7 percent contingency allowance is recommended because underground construction typically generates an above average amount of extra work due to subsurface conditions that cannot be known until the commencement of excavation operations. An added concern for this project is that the work includes intercepting a privately constructed corrugated metal pipe – for which there are no records available – that runs down and beneath private property.

It is anticipated that construction will begin in September 1998 and take approximately five weeks to complete.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost to complete this project is as follows:

Construction Contract	\$105,000.00
Construction Engineering	<u>17,500.00</u>
	\$122,500.00

As Budget Account 76515 (Putney Road Storm Drain) has an estimated balance of \$112,935, there is a shortfall of \$9,565. This shortfall is attributable to the higher than expected bid prices received.

It is recommended that the project not be delayed so that relief from past flooding on the street may be provided prior to the upcoming rainy season. Approval of the recommended journal voucher appropriating \$10,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Sewer Fund to Budget 76515 will allow the project to be completed in a timely fashion.

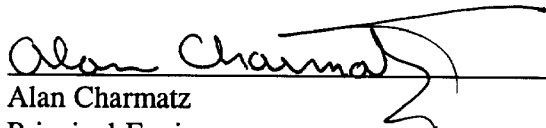
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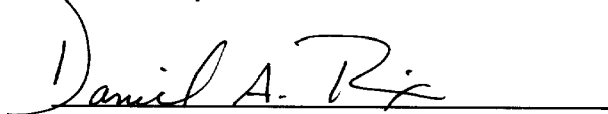
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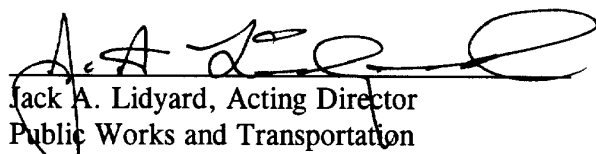
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