

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 8, 2000

FROM: City Manager

RE: Rehabilitation of the Raymond Avenue Trunk Sewer:
Bid Rejection

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council reject the sole bid received on April 5, 2000 in response to the specifications for the rehabilitation of the Raymond Avenue trunk sewer and authorize the City Manager to call for new bids by incorporating the plans and specifications therefor with those for the Rose Bowl sewer repair project to form one combined project for bidding purposes.

BACKGROUND:

Plans and specifications for the Raymond Avenue trunk sewer rehabilitation 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 pipe replacement, pipe rehabilitation, and the repair and adjustment of manholes to grade at selected locations on a sewer that runs along Raymond Avenue and State Street between Green Street and the City's southerly boundary. Pipe rehabilitation consists of root fumigation, hydrocleaning and root removal, initial television inspection, joint testing, joint sealing, and final television inspection.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on March 16, 2000. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications and letters were sent to 12 minority contracting organizations informing them of the project and requesting that members of their organizations submit bids. Bid packets were obtained by seven contractors and two manhole component suppliers.

Following advertising, one bid was received on April 5, 2000 as shown below.

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	John Neary dba J&C Underground, General Engineering Contractors, Burbank	\$85,933.45
	Engineer's Estimate	\$47,368.00

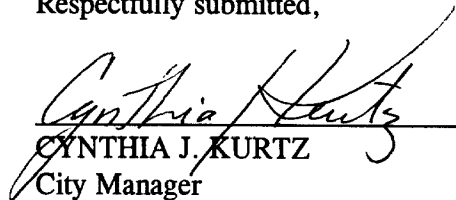
The sole bid submitted is approximately 81% higher than the Engineer's Estimate, which reflects the absence of a competitive bidding environment. The lack of interest in the project appears to be attributable to the following factors: a substantial volume of underground construction in the Los Angeles metropolitan area at this time, the small size of the project, and a nearly even split in value between pipe replacement/manhole repair work and pipe rehabilitation work that led contractors who specialize in one or the other type of work to assume that the project was geared for their opposite number.

It is recommended that the sole bid received April 5, 2000 be rejected and that the plans and specifications be incorporated with those for the Rose Bowl sewer repair project tentatively scheduled for construction in August 2000. In addition, the combined specifications will require that the bidders possess Class A General Engineering Contractor's licenses, with the rehabilitation work identified as "specialty items," in order to eliminate any ambiguity about the nature of the work. By combining these two projects, the value of the combined project will approximately triple that of the Raymond Avenue trunk sewer project which should lead to lower unit prices for both projects.

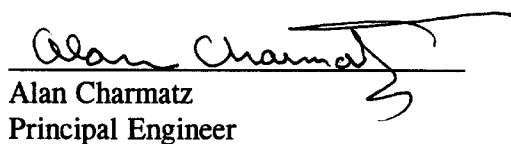
FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds are available in Budget Account 76533 (Raymond Avenue Trunk Sewer) to complete the project in combination with the Rose Bowl sewer repair project.

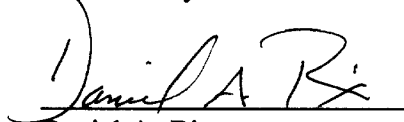
Respectfully submitted,


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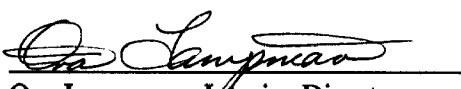
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