



Agenda Report

TO: City Council

April 14, 2003

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Award of Contract to Vido Samarzich, Inc., for Installation of Play Equipment at Various Parks in the amount of \$1,688,301

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid, dated March 12, 2003, submitted by Vido Samarzich, Inc. in response to the specifications for Various Park Improvements; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as required. The amount of the proposed contract is \$1,688,301;
2. Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$125,000 of unencumbered Residential Impact Fee Fund Interest to the *Park Play Equipment Safety Replacements* project (budget account 78027); and
3. Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$87,119 of the remaining 1992 Proposition A Parks Bond funding to the *Park Play Equipment Safety Replacements* project (budget account 78026 - \$66,119 and budget account 78027- \$21,000).

REVIEW BY COMMISSIONS:

At their meeting on April 8, 2003 the Recreation and Parks Commission voted to support the staff recommendation that unencumbered Residential Impact Fee Fund Interest be appropriated to complete this project.

BACKGROUND:

The Installation of *Park Play Equipment Safety Replacements* project will replace play equipment at seven parks citywide. The parks included in this project are Brookside, Eaton Blanche, Eaton Sunnyslope, Hamilton, Singer, Victory and Washington. Replacement of the play equipment at these parks is included in the

adopted Capital Improvement Program. The funding for the project is part of a comprehensive, citywide project that will completely replace all of the play equipment at nine parks. Two other parks, Robinson and Villa Parke, are also receiving new playground equipment and are partially funded from a Federal Grant Program, which is the subject of a separate agenda item.

In order to get the lowest bid prices, and complete as much of the approved park improvements as quickly as possible, staff included budgeted capital improvements for drainage, picnic facilities, walkways and ADA improvements in the project. Funds are appropriated in various CIP projects for those purposes.

While it was expected that the additional work would exceed the playground project budget, the total bid price of the improvements exceeded the engineer's estimate by 20 percent. The engineer's estimate was prepared by the design consultant using information from previous bid tabulations and industry standards. The firms who bid on the work are large, well-known engineering contractors who have extensive experience with similar types of work. All nine bids received had line items that were higher than expected. The main items that stood out included demolition and removal items, plant material, asphalt paving, and items that are delivered in bulk.

According to the design consultant there are several possible reasons that the bid prices were higher than expected. Petroleum and petroleum related product costs have risen considerably over the last several months affecting, for example, trucking and asphalt costs. Furthermore, the current geopolitical uncertainties are also likely affecting prices.

Nine bids is a good response for this project. The three lowest bids were within \$30,000 of each other which indicates that the bids were prepared with due consideration of the work to be performed. Based on the firm's reputation in the industry, staff believes the lowest bidder is capable of performing the work in a reasonable and professional manner. It is anticipated that construction will begin in May 2003 and will be complete in September 2003.

Since the scope of this project, as bid, included park improvements outside the specific scope of the playground equipment replacement project, funds from related Capital Improvement Program projects will be charged for \$221,615. The projects from which funds will be drawn are ADA improvements, picnic, walkway and drainage projects. The 1992 Proposition A appropriation is from funds that were remaining after the completion of prior park projects. Finally, additional funding from Residential Impact Fee interest is necessary to complete the project. The current interest balance is \$247,055. The chart shows all the sources to be used to fund this project.

| FUNDING SOURCE | AMOUNT |
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| PLAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SAFETY REPLACEMENTS (78026, 78027, 78028, 77365) | \$1,334,961 |
| RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEE FUND INTEREST | \$125,000 |
| SINGER PARK ADA PROJECT (78031) | \$28,096 |
| 1992 PROPOSITION A PARK BOND | \$87,119 |
| VILLA PARKE SLOPE PROJECT (78047) | \$3,373 |
| WASHINGTON PARK RENOVATION PROJECT (78529) | \$92,797 |
| BROOKSIDE PARK ADA COMPLIANCE (77568) | \$60,000 |
| BROOKSIDE PARK WALKWAY REPLACEMENT (77367) | \$37,349 |
| TOTAL | \$1,768,695 |

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Star News on February 13, 2002. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in four trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by forty-nine contractors, nine of which submitted bids for the project.

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| 1. Vido Samarzich, Inc. Alta Loma | \$1,632,499.00 |
| 2. Thomsen Landscape, Reseda | \$1,643,436.00 |
| 3. Terra-Cal Construction, Inc., Baldwin Park | \$1,661,921.81 |
| 4. Apex Construction Co., Inc., Chino | \$1,706,107.87 |
| 5. Ecology Construction Inc., Canoga Park | \$1,756,539.02 |
| 6. T.L.D. Construction, Inc., Glendale | \$1,827,210.00 |
| 7. Valley Crest Landscape Development, San Francisco | \$1,869,131.45 |
| 8. Pima Corporation dba Advanced Construction, Los Angeles | \$1,908,177.20 |
| 9. Malibu Pacific Tennis Courts Inc., Westlake | \$1,922,311.72 |
| Engineer's Estimate | \$1,308,836.50 |

The bid submitted by Vido Samarzich, Inc. is the lowest responsive bid. It is, therefore, recommended that the firm be awarded a contract for the project.

The Contractor has indicated that there will not be any new hires as a result of this contract.

The proposed contract with Vido Samarzich, Inc. will be as follows:

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| Base Bid | \$1,632,499.00 |
| Contingency Allowance | \$ 55,802.00 |
| Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount | \$1,688,301.00 |

The estimated total project cost is as follows:

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| Construction Contract | \$1,688,301.00 |
| Construction Engineering | \$80,394.00 |
| Total | \$1,768,695.00 |

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The project was determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on behalf of the Environmental Administrator on December 4, 2002 pursuant to Section 15301, Replacement of existing facilities, and a Notice of Exemption therefore was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on December 11, 2002.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available to cover the cost of this contract in various projects in the Capital Improvement Program and with the approval of the two journal vouchers listed in the "Recommendation" section. The projects are: Park Play Equipment Safety Replacements (budget accounts 78026, 78027, 78028, 77365), Singer Park Improvements to meet ADA Compliance (budget account 78031), Villa-Parke Slope and Drainage Improvements (budget account 78047), Washington Park Renovate Lower Park Area (budget account 78529), Brookside Park ADA Compliance Phase V (budget account 77568), and Brookside park – Replacement of Walkways (budget account 77367).

Respectfully submitted,


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