

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: February 20, 2008

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,500 TO A.B. HASHMI, INC., OF OCEANSIDE FOR THE LIBBY LAKE PARK LIGHTING PROJECT LOCATED AT 500 CALLE MONTECITO**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$136,500 to A.B. Hashmi, Inc., of Oceanside for the Libby Lake Park Lighting project at 500 Calle Montecito, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

The City Council approved the Calle Montecito Neighborhood Revitalization Plan in 1998, and began a concerted effort to improve infrastructure, public safety, social and City services in the Libby Lake neighborhood. One component of the Plan was to improve the facilities at Libby Lake Park including a new park playground and picnic areas, improved restroom facilities, renovated landscaping and other improvements. Community residents requested that new lighting be installed in the park, both to increase the time that residents could make use of the park and to reduce the potential for criminal activity in the area. The lighting project was added as one of the final components of the Revitalization Plan.

The City Council approved an allocation of 2004-05 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a variety of improvements in the neighborhood as part of the Revitalization Plan; approximately \$20,000 was used for planning and design of lighting in the Park. The City Council approved an allocation of \$162,000 of 2006-07 CDBG funds to complete the lighting project and added the activity to the City's 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, which guides use of CDBG funds.

On December 5, 2007, City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Libby Lake Park Lighting Improvement project.

ANALYSIS

Development of this project will consist of 15 new light poles located along the perimeter of Libby Lake. Each of the proposed light poles will operate with a high-pressure sodium lamp, which is considered to be energy efficient, reliable, long-lived, and requiring low maintenance. The lamp housing selected is a unique design with a bell-shaped reflector shade and elegant mounting arm. Each of these lighting fixture components will be mounted to a lamp post that consists of a fluted tapered pole connected to a decorative base. The architecturally designed fixtures and poles will contribute to the aesthetic enhancements already made to the park as part of the Revitalization Plan.

Trenching of the electrical conduit lines will be primarily along the perimeter of the lake. Any trenching activities that will traverse or have the potential to disturb existing irrigation facilities, trees roots, and/or concrete structures will require the boring of the conduit. Several antiquated flood lights, poles, wires, and associated parts will be removed as part of this project. All remaining existing developments at Libby Lake Park will be protected in place during construction. In addition to aesthetic contributions to the park, the exterior lighting system will extend park use during evening hours and provide a form of passive security.

On January 17, 2008, the following three lowest bids from a total of eleven bids received and opened were:

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Additive Alternate Bid</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| A.B. Hashmi, Inc. | \$124,710 | \$46,000 |
| T & M Electric Inc. | 132,800 | 60,000 |
| Triad Construction | 138,128 | 73,040 |

The engineer's estimate of cost is \$180,200. The lowest qualified bidder is A.B. Hashmi, Inc., of Oceanside. Their credentials have been researched and meet the City's requirement. The bid was reviewed and was found to be competitive.

Staff recommends the inclusion of Additive Alternate item 3 for the directional boring and electrical conduit placement for \$46,000. Using directional boring in lieu of open trenching for electrical conduit placement will reduce or limit the amount of disturbance to existing pathways and landscaping at the park. Furthermore, directional boring will reduce the construction and cleanup time for the project. The replacement of bid item 4 (open trenching) with additive alternate 3 (directional boring) in the base bid amount of \$124,710, results in a total contract amount of \$136,500.

FISCAL IMPACT

The project account has \$187,906.25 available for the Libby Lake Park Lighting project in the Calle Montecito Revitalization account (237.298768). The estimated cost of construction is \$180,200. Therefore, there are sufficient funds available to complete this project.

Construction-phase project costs are budgeted as follows:

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| <u>Direct Construction Costs</u> | |
| Bid Award Amount | \$136,500 |
| 15 percent Construction Change Order Contingency | <u>\$20,500</u> |
| Subtotal Cost | \$157,000 |
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| <u>Miscellaneous Costs</u> | |
| Construction Staking and Surveying | \$10,000 |
| City Inspection and Administration | <u>\$13,200</u> |
| Subtotal Cost | <u>\$23,200</u> |
| Total Estimated Project Cost | \$180,200 |

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City’s standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY’S ANALYSIS

The bid documents were previously reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form. The contract must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The Public Contract Code defines “responsible bidder” as a bidder who has demonstrated the attributes of trustworthiness as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform a public works contract. The City Council also has the discretion to reject all bids and re-advertise.

RECOMMENDATION

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