

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 11 CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: May 2, 2007
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Public Works Department
SUBJECT: **AWARD OF CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$247,454 FOR THE EL CAMINO REAL STREET WIDENING PROJECT AT MESA DRIVE**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$247,454 to HMS Corporation of San Marcos for the El Camino Real Widening project at Mesa Drive, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

On February 14, 2007, the City Council approved plans and specifications and authorized a call for bids. Notices inviting sealed bids were sent to Oceanside contractors and were also advertised in local papers and trade journals in accordance with City's standard bidding procedures.

ANALYSIS

The project widens northbound El Camino Real in front of the detention basin at the corner of Mesa Drive. The widening allows a right-turn lane onto Mesa Drive. The additional width of pavement is five feet, and begins from 500 feet south of the intersection. The project constructs new curb, gutter and asphalt paving. The traffic signals at the intersection will be modified to accommodate the widening.

On March 19, 2007, the following six (6) bids were received and opened:

HMS Construction	\$ 247,454.00
Zondiros Corporation	276,591.00
HILLCREST Contracting	284,902.00
Bonsall Construction Services	301,409.92
Tri – Group Construction, Inc.	322,516.00
3D enterprises	388,209.00

The apparent lowest bidder is HMS Construction of San Marcos. Their credentials have been researched and meet City's requirements. The bid was reviewed and was found to be within market expectations.

The Pacific Coast Business Park development project (PCBP) is located at the southwestern corner of College Boulevard and Old Grove Road. As part of the Conditions of Approval, Planning Commission Resolution No. 2005-P46 identified some cumulative impacts of the development at this intersection and required a contribution towards upgrading the traffic signals. On May 3, 2006, staff met with PCBP representatives and determined that the most efficient method to complete all the intersection improvements at the earliest time would be to incorporate PCBP's intersection improvements into the City's project. It was also agreed that, upon completion of the final plans by the City, PCBP would pay the City the cost of plan modifications and the cost of constructing PCBP's obligations. The City has since prepared the plan modifications and, according to the lowest bid, has determined the costs to be \$71,675. Upon award of this contract, staff will notify PCBP of their financial obligation towards the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2006-07 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for the El Camino Real Widening at Mesa Drive project (561.775611) included new funding of \$240,000 plus a carry forward of funds from FY 2005-06 in the amount of \$114,877 for a total funding of \$354,877. The total estimated project cost, including construction, project management and inspection is \$350,000. Therefore, there are sufficient funds available to complete the project. The developer's contribution of \$71,675 will be applied as revenue to the Major Thoroughfare Fees Fund.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

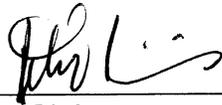
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Public Contract Code section 20162 requires contracts for public projects in excess of \$5,000 to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. "Responsible bidder" is defined 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 discretion to reject all bids and readvertise, under Public Contracts Code section 20166.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$247,454 to HMS Corporation of San Marcos for the El Camino Real Widening project at Mesa Drive, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

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