



DATE: June 23, 2010
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Development Services Department
SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE ROCKLEDGE ALLEY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$115,278.50 to Rutledge, Inc., of Spring Valley for the Rockledge Alley Improvement Project, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

The project improves an existing public dirt alley road located between Rockledge Street and Brooks Street. During rainstorms, the alley becomes muddy and difficult to drive because of poor soil and lack of a stormwater drainage system. Residents along the alley also express concerns about stormwater runoff from the alley coming onto their property. Alley usage is primarily from residents accessing their garages and trash trucks servicing the houses.

On March 17, 2010, the City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Rockledge Alley Improvement Project 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

Bids were publicly opened on May 4, 2010. The construction estimate is \$145,000. Fourteen contractors submitted bids; the bids are listed on Attachment 1. The lowest responsible bidder was Rutledge, Inc., of Spring Valley, California. The company's credentials have been researched and meet the City's requirements. The bid was reviewed and found to be complete. Construction is scheduled to begin in August and finish in fall 2010.

This project will pave 340 feet of the existing 20-foot-wide unpaved alley. A four-foot wide pervious ribbon gutter and perforated underdrain pipe, located along the center of the alley, will be constructed to address stormwater and water quality requirements.

An existing waterline located in the alley will also be replaced. During the design phase of the project, it was discovered that the water line pipe is constructed of vitrified clay material and located at a shallow depth. Because construction is likely to uncover and damage the existing fragile water line, it was deemed more feasible to replace the existing water line with PVC pipe material. The new pipe will be placed at a deeper depth to protect the pipe during construction.

FISCAL IMPACT

The project is funded through TransNet as part of the Street Restoration Program (902754200212), which has a 2009-2010 fiscal year budget of \$7,723,203 and a current unallocated balance of \$4,498,225. The estimated cost of construction is \$131,778.50; therefore, sufficient funds are available to complete this project.

Construction-phase project costs are budgeted as follows:

Bid Award Amount	\$115,278
Construction Change Order Contingency	11,500
City Inspection and Administration	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$131,778

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

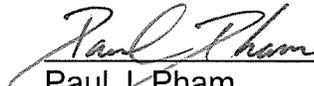
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

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

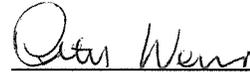
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Attachment 1

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1)	Rutledge, Inc.	\$115,278
2)	C.W. Doherty	\$115,885
3)	Dick Miller, Inc.	\$118,731
4)	Tharsos	\$119,177
5)	B.S.N. Construction, Inc.	\$119,944
6)	O'Connell Engineering & Construction	\$123,784
7)	RMV Construction, Inc.	\$126,300
8)	Tri-Group Construction	\$130,840
9)	Burtech Pipeline, Inc.	\$132,500
10)	Crest Equipment, Inc.	\$139,115
11)	Don Hubbard Contraction, Co.	\$141,609
12)	Mountain Movers	\$146,469
13)	Palm Engineering Construction	\$164,839