



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 8d

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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From: Syed Murtuza, Director of Public Works – (650) 558-7230

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Rejecting All Bids Received for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements along Vancouver Avenue, Broadway, Rollins Road, El Camino Real, and Easements of La Mesa Drive, Alturas Drive, and Los Montes Drive; City Project No. 85570

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution rejecting all bids received for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements along Vancouver Avenue, Broadway, Rollins Road, El Camino Real, and Easements of La Mesa Drive, Alturas Drive, and Los Montes Drive, City Project No. 85570; and authorize staff to revise the bid documents and re-advertise the project.

BACKGROUND

The proposed sanitary sewer improvements project will improve sewage conveyance capacity and pipe material deficiencies in the sanitary sewer collection system along the aforementioned streets. The work consists of constructing approximately 2,100 linear feet of a combination of new 6-inch and 8-inch sanitary sewer pipe system throughout various neighborhoods using a multitude of construction methods including open cut, pipe bursting, and pipe-reaming. Other related work includes installation and replacement of manholes and sewer laterals; rehabilitation of manholes; temporary bypass pumping; traffic loop replacement; and other related miscellaneous work.

DISCUSSION

The project was successfully designed and advertised for bids on September 30, 2019. The bid opening was conducted on October 29, 2019; the City received five bids ranging from \$946,945 to \$1,528,480. Westland Contractors is the apparent low bidder with its bid amount of \$946,945, which is \$232,130 lower than the second lowest bidder (Darcy and Harty), and \$424,567 below the engineer's estimate of \$1,371,512. Upon examining the bid documents, staff determined that the specifications regarding the contractor's qualification requirements were unclear and could present potential problems during the construction. Furthermore, staff recognized that additional advanced field investigations and potholing of existing underground utilities could strengthen the engineering plans and specifications and avoid potential change orders during construction. As a result, staff recommends that the City Council reject all the bids received, and allow staff to re-advertise the project after updating the bid documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Exhibits:

- Resolution
- Bid Summary
- Project Location Map