

**City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 12/05/11		Item Number: C-7	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Award of a Construction Contract to Sequel Constructors, Inc. for the Baldwin Avenue (Braddock Drive to Farragut Drive) Street Improvement and Rain Garden Project, P-428.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Lee Torres/PW		Phone Number: (310) 253-5623	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: (E-Mail) Agenda and Meetings – City Council (12/01/2011); (Mail) All immediately affected residents of project site (11/23/11)			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (1/22/11)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (11/28/11)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by K. Marsden) (11/29/11)		City Manager Approval: John Nachbar (12/01/11)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council award a construction contract to Sequel Constructors, Inc. (Sequel) as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to complete the necessary work for the Baldwin Avenue (Braddock Drive to Farragut Drive) Street Improvement and Rain Garden Project, P-428.

BACKGROUND:

Baldwin Avenue between Braddock Drive and Farragut Drive requires major reconstruction due to the condition of the concrete and asphalt infrastructure. This capital improvement project proposes to reconstruct the curb, gutter, drive approach, and asphalt surfaces. Also the project includes “rain gardens” for storm water and irrigation run-off. The “rain gardens” are designed to infiltrate the initial run-off by allowing it to percolate through the soil. This process of percolation filters the run-off water before it enters Ballona Creek. Four (4) rain gardens are proposed with two each on the west side and east side of Baldwin Avenue near Farragut Drive.

On July 20, 2011, a community meeting was held at City Hall where staff presented the proposed street improvement project. Five (5) residents attended the meeting and they all expressed support for the project. Staff also directly contacted the residents who live immediately adjacent to the proposed “rain gardens”. Two property owners expressed support for the project and the other two did not respond to several attempts at contact including a notification letter sent prior to the community meeting, voicemail, and another notification letter sent prior to the City Council considering approval of the plans and specifications for the project. Staff will continue to try to contact the other two property owners (who do not live on the

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street) and obtain their comments about the proposed locations of the “rain gardens”.

On August 8, 2011, the City Council authorized advertising of construction bids for Baldwin Avenue Street Improvement and Rain Garden Project, P-428.

DISCUSSION:

Bid Process

On November 3, 2011, the City Clerk's Office staff publicly opened the bids. Eleven (11) contractors responded with the following bid amounts:

CONTRACTOR

BID AMOUNTS

1	Sequel Contractors Inc., Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$267,167.50
2	Nobest Inc., Westminster, CA	\$268,047.00
3	KASA Construction, Ontario, CA	\$289,004.75
4	Excel Paving Company, Long Beach, CA	\$290,005.30
5	FS Construction, Sylmar, CA	\$295,770.00
6	Silvia Construction, Rancho Cucamonga, CA	\$305,430.20
7	All American Asphalt, Corona, CA	\$317,000.00
8	Aramexx Construction, Canoga Park, CA	\$349,845.50
9	Shawnan, Downey, CA	\$354,831.00
10	MG Enterprises, Tarzana, CA	\$358,891.00
11	G Coast Construction Inc., Encino, CA	\$444,515.00

Bid Review

Staff reviewed the bid proposal of the apparent lowest bidder, Sequel Contractors, Inc. (Sequel) and found the bid documents responsive and complete. Its bid bond, contractor's license, and worker's compensation insurance were reviewed and determined to meet City requirements. Sequel has completed similar street improvement projects for other municipal agencies in the local region, including the cities of Anaheim, Glendale, and Hawthorne.

Add Alternate

The bid documents also included the Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Repair as an add alternate project.

The repair of the curb, gutter, and sidewalks is part of the on-going maintenance program in the Public Works Department's Maintenance Operation Division. Curb, gutter, and sidewalk repair locations are determined by a coordinated effort between the Maintenance Operations Division and the Engineering Division.

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In order to assist the Maintenance Operations Division with their existing back log, the Engineering Division has taken on larger repair areas as part of the Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Repair Program. Due to the similar scope of work being performed on the Baldwin Avenue Street Improvement Project, the bid specifications included an add alternate to obtain a more competitive price than a stand-alone project. Sequel's bid to perform this work is in the amount of \$45,990.00.

Staff recommends including the add alternates part of the Baldwin Avenue Street Improvement and Rain Garden Project, P-428, in the amount \$45,990.00.

In addition, Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to approve change orders in an amount not-to-exceed \$ 45,000 (14%), if necessary for unforeseen conditions.

Should the City Council award the contract this evening, the construction project will begin in January 2012 and is expected to be completed by March 2012, weather permitting.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The following chart contains fiscal information regarding award of the contract:

Proposed Project Budget	
P-428 General Funds (41800428)	\$275,000
P-863 General Funds (42000863)	\$ 60,000
P-497 Prop 50 Funds (42300497)	\$ 60,000
Available Funds	\$395,000

Estimated Project Expenses	
Construction Contract (Baldwin Ave Street Improvement Project/Base Bid)	\$267,167.50
Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Repair - Add Alternate	\$45,990.00
Contingency	\$45,0000
Subtotal	\$358,157.50
Construction Inspection Services	\$26,000
Geotechnical Construction Services (Observation & Testing)	\$10,000
Total Estimated Project Expenses	\$394,157.50

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Funding Source changed from General Funds to Gas Tax. Any unspent funds will remain in P-428 program for next fiscal years' Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Repair projects.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Sequel Contractors, Inc. for the Baldwin Avenue Street Improvement and Rain Garden Project, P-428, in the amount of \$267,167.50, based on its base bid; and,
- 2) Include in the above contract award Add Alternate #2 for Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Repair, in the amount \$45,990.00; and,
- 3) Authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to approve change orders in an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000, if necessary; and,
- 3) Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and,
- 4) Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.