DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Rejection of All Bids for Water Main Replacement Phase 5 Project

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the Mayor and Council Members adopt a resolution rejecting all bids received by the City of Inglewood (City) for the Water Main Replacement Phase 5 Project, per Bid No. CB- 22-20, and authorizing staff to revise and rebid the project.

BACKGROUND:
The City of Inglewood (City) Water Service area covers approximately 4,600 acres within its corporate boundaries. Water is provided by the City’s system to approximately 80% of the residents and businesses in the City. The remaining residences and businesses receive water services from either Golden State Water Company or the Cal-American Water Company. The City’s water system consists of 152 miles of water main pipes, which include 25 miles of cast iron pipes and 87 miles of asbestos-cement pipes.

In total, this particular project will replace approximately 20,810 linear feet of pipeline. The scope of work also includes the replacement of five hundred thirty four (534) existing water service connections, installation of forty-one (41) fire hydrants, and abandonment of existing water lines. Pipeline will be replaced at the following locations:

- 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Avenues between Arbor Vitae Street and Alley South of Manchester Boulevard
- 94th and 95th Streets between 6th and 8th Avenues

On September 29, 2022, the Office of the City Clerk advertised an invitation to submit bid proposals on the project in a local Inglewood newspaper. The Public Works Department also posted an invitation to submit bid proposals through the PlanetBids.com bid services portal and notified nine (9) prospective contractors by email about the bid invitation.

On October 12, 2022, Public Works staff conducted a mandatory job walk pre-bid meeting onsite at 9231 South 5th Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90305. Eleven (11) attendees from eleven (11) prospective companies attended the pre-bid meeting.

On November 16, 2022, the Office of the City Clerk received and opened five (5) bids, as described in the following table:
DISCUSSION:
On March 29, 2023, Public Works staff attended the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) webinar, which indicated that certain federal standards and documents be included in the bid specifications in order to receive an Agreement and then funding from EPA. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council reject all bids from the current CB-22-20. This will allow staff to revise the project bid specifications to include the EPA-required documents. Upon approval, staff will modify the bid documents and re-advertise the project.

FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:
For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, upon rebidding, a budget appropriation will be requested from ARPA Grant Funds from Account No. 079.32510 (Deferred Revenues – ARPA Funds) for project funding and Water Fund 110 revenue for project contingency.

DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment No. 1 – Invitation to Submit Bid
Attachment No. 2 – CB-22-20 Bid Result
Attachment No. 3 – Resolution

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APPROVAL VERIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT HEAD/
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: ________________________________
Louis A. Atwell, PW Director/Asst. City Mgr.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: ________________________________
Artie Fields, City Manager
ATTACHMENT NO. 1

Invitation to Submit Bid
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(Specifications and Conditions Governing Award)

The City of Inglewood invites and will receive bids duly filed as provided herein for the “BID NO. CB-22-20 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE 5 PROJECT” as specified in this document.

Each bid shall be submitted and completed in all particulars and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the City of Inglewood, The Office of the City Clerk, 1 West Manchester Blvd., First Floor, Inglewood, CA 90301 with the designation of the project "BID NO. CB-22-20 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE 5 PROJECT" appearing thereon.

Please visit https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/45619/portal-home to learn about bid opportunities available to consultants, service providers, contractors, Contractors, or suppliers. Bids will be opened in public, on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 11:00a.m. in the Office of the City Clerk and will be announced then and there to all persons present. Specifications and other bid documents for the above service are on file in the Purchasing Division, and may be obtained upon request.

The City Council reserves the right to waive any irregularity in any bid, and to take bids under advisement for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from and after the “Due Date” of Bid, which specified in this BID.

The following conditions and terms apply:
1) The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
2) The detailed scope of work and conditions for bid submission attached.
3) The Contractor must execute a contract within fourteen (14) days after the City mails/sends it to Contractor. If the contract is not executed within fourteen (14) days, the City reserves the unilateral right to cancel it.
4) If any provision of the contract is violated, the City, after suitable notice, may cancel the contract and make arrangements to have the services performed by others. Any extra cost to the City will be paid by the Contractor.
5) Bid Document & Drawings may be obtained from the Inglewood Public Works Department Water Division located on the 3rd Floor of Inglewood City Hall. Please contact Public Works Department at (310) 412-5333.
6) All bids must be for specific amounts. Any attempt to qualify prices with an ‘escalation clause’ or any other method of making a price variable, is unacceptable. Bids shall be valid for ninety (90) calendar days from and after the “Due Date” specified in this Bid.
7) The City reserves the right to add or subtract quantities and/or services based on the unit prices/unit lump sums so indicated as its budgetary needs may require.

Louis A. Atwell, P.E., Assistant City Manager P.W. Director  
City of Inglewood, California  9/22/2022

Date
ATTACHMENT NO. 2

CB-22-20 Bid Result
CITY OF INGLEWOOD – Water Main Replacement Phase 5 Project

CB 22-20

Date of Bid: November 16, 2022, @ 11:00 a.m.

1. CEM Construction ............................................. $6,494,477.00
2. Dominguez General Engineering Inc. ....................... $6,536,840.00
3. Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals ....................... $7,426,290.00
4. Big Ben Inc .................................................. $7,786,740.00
5. JA Salazar Construction ..................................... $9,304,090.00
ATTACHMENT NO. 3

Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. ______

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REJECTING
ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR BID CB-22-20 WATER
MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE 5 PROJECT AND
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO REVISE AND REBID THE
PROJECT.

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, Public Works staff completed project specifications
for the Water Main Replacement Phase 5 Project, Bid No. CB-22-20 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2022, the Office of the City Clerk sent out an
advertisement in a local Inglewood newspaper that included an invitation to submit bid
proposals on the project. The Public Works Department also posted an invitation to submit bid
proposals through the PlanetBids.com bid services portal and notified nine (9) prospective
contractors by email about the bid invitation; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2022, Public Works staff conducted a mandatory job walk
pre-bid meeting onsite at 9231 South 5th Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90305. Eleven (11) attendees
from eleven (11) prospective companies attended the pre-bid meeting; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2022, the Office of the City Clerk received and opened
five (5) bids; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2023, Public Works staff attended an Environmental
Protection Agency (“EPA”) webinar; and

WHEREAS, during this webinar, staff discovered that EPA funding for the Project was
dependent on staff first taking certain actions that were not taken; and

WHEREAS, staff is now asking the City Council to reject the all bids and authorized staff
to rebid the project; and

WHEREAS, upon rebidding approval, staff will modify the bid documents and re-
advertise the project.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Inglewood, California as follows:

SECTION 1.

1. The recitals were considered by this Council in making its determination and found them to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. The City reserved for itself, in the bid documents, the right to reject all bids.

3. The City Council rejects all bids submitted relating to CB-22-20, the Water Main Replacement Phase 5 Project and authorizes staff to revise and rebid the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and the same shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Inglewood, California, this __________ day of __________ 2023.

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James T. Butts, Jr.,
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aisha L. Thompson,
City Clerk