



CITY OF INGLEWOOD

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



DATE: September 19, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Rejection of All Bids- I-405 Inglewood Gateway Landscape Project, CB-22-09

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council Members take the following actions:

1. Reject all bids received on May 25, 2022, for the I-405 Gateway Landscape Project, CB-22-09; and
2. Authorize the rebid of the Project.

BACKGROUND:

On November 3, 2015, The City and Wow Media, Inc. (Wow) entered into a mutually beneficial Billboard Lease Agreement for the erection of electronic digital displays within the City of Inglewood. A few of those billboards are erected on La Cienega Boulevard, along the perimeter fence of the I-405 freeway. Wow has identified several trees in the 1.76 acres of Caltrans' landscape area between Arbor Vitae Street and Hillcrest Boulevard, east of La Cienega Boulevard and west of the I-405 freeway, which obstruct the visibility of the digital displays and limit the potential and anticipated revenue of the advertising displays.

To mitigate the problem, the City developed the I-405 Inglewood Gateway Landscape Project, CB-20-01 (Project), to remove and replace 37 trees with new planting material, additional ground covering, mulch, and a new irrigation system in the area (Landscape Work). California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) stipulated that any re-landscaping of the State Right-of-Way required the local agency to enter into a standard form agreement entitled "Landscape Maintenance Agreement" (LMA). The City executed a Landscape Maintenance Agreement (LMA) on May 15, 2019, in which Caltrans approved the plans submitted by the City and issued the requisite permit for the Project on December 11, 2020. The project went into the bid process, and the City Clerk's office received and opened all bids on January 22, 2020.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project was halted, and as a result, the Caltrans permit expired. On October 26, 2021, the City Council rejected all bids received on January 22, 2020, for the Inglewood Landscape Project, CB 20-01, and authorized the rebid of the project.

On May 4, 2022, the advertisement for the Inglewood Gateway Landscape Project rebid, CB 22-09, was sent to the City Clerk's Office and planetbids.com. On May 25, 2022, all bid proposals were opened at the City Clerk's Office, and the results are as follows:

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Vendor	Location	Bid Amount
Marina Landscape, Inc.	Orange, CA	\$446,067.40
Diamond Construction and Design	La Habra, CA	\$464,365.00
Pub Construction, Inc.	Diamond Bar, CA	\$640,032.69

Because the previously issued permit expired, Caltrans required an amendment to the May 15, 2019, agreement providing the permit. This action had to take place before the City's award of a contract for the rebidded Landscape Work for the Project. The amendment was executed by the City and Caltrans on July 26, 2022, under which Caltrans issued a new permit on October 13, 2022, for the Landscape Work for the Project.

However, after City staff contacted Marina Landscape, Inc. (the lowest responsible bidder) to award the contract for the performance of the Landscape Work for the Project, Marina Landscape, Inc. informed City staff that it would not be able to enter into a contract with the City because of inflation of labor, materials, and equipment since May 2022.

DISCUSSION:

As a consequence of the failure of Marina Landscape, Inc. to accept and enter into a contract with the City for the performance of the Landscape Work for the Project, City staff recommends the rejection of all bids opened and announced on May 25, 2022, via the City Clerk's Office, the rebidding of the Landscape Work for the Project.

FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:

None.

DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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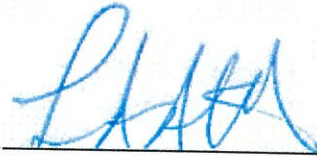
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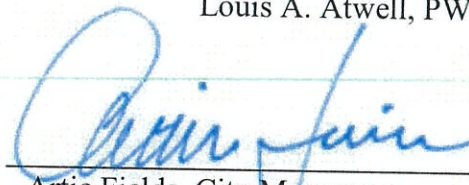
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