



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2015

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARD: 1, 2, 3, 5 AND 7

SUBJECT: BID NO. 7356—MEDIAN TURF REMOVAL, PHASE 3—AWARD CONTRACT FOR \$317,650

ISSUE:

The issue for City Council consideration is to award a construction contract to replace the existing median turf with drought tolerant planting on Riverwalk Parkway, Van Buren Boulevard, Market Street, University Avenue, and Chicago Avenue (Project).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council award a construction contract for Bid No. 7356 – Median Turf Removal, Phase 3 to Conserve LandCare, Inc., of Thousand Palms, California, in the amount of \$317,650.

BACKGROUND:

In response to the call for increased conservation by the State Water Resources Control Board and the Governor's Office, numerous agencies statewide have adopted new policies and programs to address the challenges of increasing drought conditions. In order to implement changes in the City to meet established goals, Public Works identified 83,000 square feet of turf along main corridors that are also key entry points to our community where turf can be converted to water wise landscaping.

This Project will remove the existing median turf and replace it with drought tolerant planting, and will also convert the overhead irrigation spray system to a new drip irrigation system at the following five (5) locations (Attachment 1):

- Riverwalk Parkway from Pierce Street to SR91 Freeway (43,780 square feet)
- Van Buren Boulevard from Hayes Street to Andrew Street (9,530 square feet)
- Market Street from SR60 Freeway to Ridge Road (7,680 square feet)
- University Avenue from Park Avenue to Mesa Street (10,410 square feet)
- Chicago Avenue from Alessandro Boulevard to Central Avenue (11,600 square feet)

On October 28, 2015, four bids were received for the construction of the Project (Attachment 2). The lowest responsive bid is from Conserve LandCare, Inc., in the amount of \$317,650, which is 21.9% below the Engineer's estimate.

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs with the recommendation above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total project cost including design, construction, construction engineering, and contingencies is \$375,000. There are sufficient funds available in Project Account No. 9890600-440301 to award the contract and complete the Project. Staff are continuing to explore the possibility of any turf removal rebate funding that might be available to help offset the cost of this project.

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Attachments:

1. Project Location Maps (A, B, C, D and E)
2. Bid Award Recommendation