



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MAY 10, 2016**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: 1**

SUBJECT: FAIRMOUNT PARK BOAT LAUNCH RAMP PROJECT; REJECT ALL BIDS AND RELEASE RELATED BID BONDS - BID NO. 7373

ISSUE:

City Council consideration to reject all bids and release bid bonds received for the Fairmount Park Boat Launch Ramp Project, Bid No.7373.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council reject all bids and release the related bid bonds for Bid No. 7373 for the Fairmount Park Boat Launch Ramp (Project).

BACKGROUND:

On February 12, 2016, Staff posted a request for bids to construct a new boat launch ramp at Fairmount Park. The Riverside Community Sailing Program (RCSP) launches eight-foot Sabot sailboats over the side of the existing pier located on Lake Evans near the Izaak Walton Building. The proposed boat launch improvements are designed to be accessible for Americans with Disabilities (ADA) as well as safely launching boats up to fourteen-feet in length.

On March 2, 2016, five bids were received for the Project. The total bid amounts (including Base Bid and Additive Bids) ranged from \$248,630 to \$599,000. However, on March 4, 2016, the low bidder, Robert Gosney Construction, requested to be relieved of his bid due to a mathematical error. In addition, Robert Gosney Construction indicated they did not have the specified project experience. On April 6, the Purchasing Division made the determination that Robert Gosney Construction's bid was non-responsive. All other bids received are 220-350% above the engineer's estimate. See attached Purchasing Services Bid Rejection Recommendation (Attachment 1).

Consequently, as a result of insufficient funding, it is recommended that Council reject all bids and release the related bid bonds. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department made contact with RCSP to pursue potential fundraising opportunities and grants. Staff would also like to review the project scope for value engineering and revise the bid documents accordingly. Re-advertising the Project will occur when sufficient funding is identified.

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs with the recommendation above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Project is partially funded with Regional Park Special Capital Improvement funds. The anticipated project shortfall is over \$200,000. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with rejection of all bids.

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| Attachment: | Purchasing Services Bid Rejection Recommendation |