



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARD: 1

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY STORM DRAIN REPAIR ON DEXTER DRIVE AT FAIRMOUNT PARK – RESOLUTION DECLARING THE REPAIR AN URGENT NECESSITY FOR PRESERVATION OF LIFE, HEALTH, AND PROPERTY; WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS; AND APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH HOUSTON AND HARRIS PCS, INC. FOR \$74,940

ISSUES:

Adopt a Resolution declaring that the repair of the storm drain pipe on Dexter Drive at Fairmount Park is of urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health, and property; waive the competitive procurement requirements; and approve a construction contract with Houston and Harris PCS, Inc., for the repairs, in the amount of \$74,940.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution declaring the storm drain repair on Dexter Drive at Fairmount Park is of urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health, and property;
2. Waive the competitive procurement requirements of Charter Section 1109;
3. Approve a Construction Contract with Houston and Harris PCS, Inc., Grand Terrace, California, to repair the storm drain pipe in the amount of \$74,940; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Construction Contract with Houston and Harris PCS, Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

City Charter Section 1109 requires all construction projects in excess of \$50,000 to be competitively bid unless such work is deemed to be of urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health, or property. Prompt repairs of the storm drain pipe are vital in order to prevent flooding of Dexter Drive, Fairmount Park, and Lake Evans in the event of a storm.

DISCUSSION:

The storm drain on Dexter Drive accounts for approximately 1,250 acres of drainage area in the northeast quadrant of the City bounded by SR-60, Center Street, SR-215, and the Santa Ana River Trail.

On June 6, 2016, through routine inspection and maintenance, Public Works staff discovered that the 36-inch storm drain pipe was filled with tree roots, trash, and debris. It was originally estimated that it would take five working days to clear the pipe (2,885 feet in length). Staff contacted three contractors and requested daily cost quotes to perform the necessary cleaning. Houston & Harris PCS, provided the lowest daily cost to complete the work. A Purchase Order in an amount not to exceed \$24,450 was issued and the contractor was directed to begin work.

During the course of the repairs it became evident that the severity of the blockage in the pipe had been underestimated. The pipe contained extensive tree roots densely packed with silt, trash, and debris that completely blocked entire pipe segments, preventing the conveyance of storm water run-off. An additional ten working days was required to fully clear the remainder of the storm drain.

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs with the recommendations above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total estimated repair cost including inspection and contingencies is \$84,000. There are sufficient funds available in Project Account No.'s 9507027-440223 (Miscellaneous Street Construction) and 9700126-440301 (Miscellaneous Storm Drain Construction) to complete the work.

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availability of funds:	Scott G. Miller PhD, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Approved by:	Al Zelinka, FAICP, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form:	Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Agreement for Construction