



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 10, 2026

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARD: 1

SUBJECT: AWARD BID NO. 8214 FOR EXTERIOR PAINTING OF THE FOX PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND ENTERTAINMENT PLAZA TO AJ FISTES CORPORATION OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$473,400 PLUS 20% CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,680 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$568,080

ISSUE:

Award Bid No. 8214 for exterior painting of the Fox Performing Arts Center and Entertainment Plaza to AJ Fistes Corporation of Long Beach, California, in the amount of \$473,400 and authorize 20% change order authority of \$94,680 for a total amount of \$568,080.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Reject the bid submitted by YMC of Irvine, CA as nonresponsive;
2. Award Bid No. 8214 for exterior painting of the Fox Performing Arts Center and Entertainment Plaza to AJ Fistes Corporation of Long Beach, California, in the amount of \$473,400;
3. Authorize 20% change order authority in the amount of \$94,680 for project changes such as unforeseen conditions or necessary design changes for a total amount of \$568,080; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any purchase orders, agreements, and other documents, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The exterior of the Fox Performing Arts Center and Entertainment Plaza was last painted in 2010 as part of a rehabilitation project that expanded the existing facility, made improvements to comply with fire and life safety requirements, and included restoration of exterior and interior decorative plaster, tile, stairways, stucco, windows, walkways and other features. The facility is now in need of a refresh; this project provides exterior painting for the entire site.

DISCUSSION:

On November 20, 2025, the City of Riverside Purchasing Division issued Bid (RFB) No. 8214 for exterior painting of the Fox Performing Arts Center and Entertainment Plaza through the City’s online bidding system, PlanetBids.

The solicitation notification is summarized in the table below:

Action	Number of Vendors
External Vendors Notified	500
City of Riverside Vendors Notified	312
Vendors who downloaded the RFP	72
Proposals received	15

A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on December 3, 2025, with 39 vendors in attendance. RFB # 8214 closed on January 5, 2026, with a total of 15 responses. Subsequently, 12 responses were found to be responsive and responsible, with three bidders being nonresponsive for not meeting the minimum bid requirements. The bid results are shown in the following table.

Bidder	City	Total Price
AJ Fistes Corporation	Long Beach, CA	\$473,400
Perfection Painting Corp.	Santa Clarita, CA	\$477,000
Tony Painting	Garden Grove, CA	\$590,000
Color New Corp.	Woodland Hills, CA	\$619,000
Pacific Rim Painting Inc.	Fresno, CA	\$644,000
D&M Painting, Inc.	Orange, CA	\$648,400
Piana Construction & Painting Inc.	Granada Hills, CA	\$696,000
Innovation Painting Inc.	Ontario, CA	\$799,300
Prime Painting Contractors Inc.	Northridge, CA	\$864,000
Mariscal Painting	S El Monte, CA	\$989,790
Pacific Contractors Group Inc.	Northridge, CA	\$1,678,000
B & S Builders United, LLC	Nuevo, CA	\$1,900,000
*YMC	Irvine, CA	\$447,600
*Newton Painting	San Pedro, CA	\$485,000
*Harbor Coating and Restoration	Orange, CA	\$750,000

*Nonresponsive vendor

The bid response from AJ Fistes Corporation of Long Beach, California, in the amount of \$473,400, was deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 508 Awards states, “Contracts procured through Formal Procurement shall be awarded by the Awarding Entity to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder.”

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommended actions comply with Purchasing Resolution No. 24101.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$568,080, which includes a 20% change order authority. Sufficient funds are budgeted and available in the following funds and accounts.

Fund	Account Description	Account	Amount
Parking	Professional Services	4150000-421000	\$189,360
Entertainment	Maintenance and Repair - General	5241000-424200	\$189,360
Measure Z	Deferred Maintenance	9901909-462050	\$189,360
Total:			\$568,080

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Attachment: Bid Award Recommendation