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Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

66080

Agenda Number

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Meeting Date:

December 15, 2016

Department:

Capital Contracting Office

Subject

Authorize execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING CO., INC for the Gus Garcia District Park Phase 3 Improvements project in the amount of \$925,412.35 plus a \$92,541.24 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,017,953.59. (District 4)

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of five bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 6.94% MBE and 1.22% WBE subcontractor participation.

Additional Backup Information

The Gus Garcia Recreation Center and Park located in northeast Austin were chosen as part of the 1998 bond election package to develop Austin's parks and greenbelts. Phase 1 included construction of a recreation center that opened in April 2008. Phase 2 included a rainwater harvesting system, new playscape, fitness plaza with outdoor exercise equipment, and a community garden. City staff included the public through multiple community outreach meetings over the last two years allowing the public to provide input and assist in prioritizing future park amenities. This public involvement resulted in priorities that will be included in the Phase 3 improvements.

The Phase 3 improvements project will include additional park amenities such as a waterline upgrade for park irrigation, a 100-space parking lot, a new rain garden feeding into an existing detention pond, and a new open air pavilion.

This contract will include award of an alternate bid item, the open air pavilion, which will provide the sheltered gathering space for future programs. An alternate bid is a specified item of the construction work that is priced separately for additional items of work that may be awarded as part of the contract if the bids come within the specified budget.

Due to the potential for conflicts when sequencing work in an active park, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

It is necessary that construction activities take place during the non-peak period for outdoor program activities in the park. A delay in issuance of this project will affect the ability to perform these improvements during the winter months when the park is less frequented.

The contract allows 180 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78753 (District # 4). The project is managed by the Public Works Department.

Smith Contracting Co, Inc., Austin, TX is located in Austin, Texas.