



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3581, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Ratify an emergency construction contract with Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc., for emergency right-of-way repairs to the 500 East 4th Street right-of-way, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,454,517.15. Related to Item #14

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program pursuant to MBE/WBE Program Rule Subsection 1.2.1(I), this procurement is exempt from the Owner's MBE/WBE Program requirements as a public health and safety purchase as provided in the MBE/WBE Program Rules.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department.

Purchasing Language:

This is an emergency contract that did not go through the City's solicitation process.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>.

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Karim Helmi, PE, 512-974-6539.

Additional Backup Information:

The requested action is for Council to ratify the contract with Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc., which has been procured under authority of Section 252.022(a) (2) of the Texas Local Government Code as a procurement necessary to protect or preserve the public health and safety of the citizens of Austin.

An investigation revealed voids located around the perimeter of the Hilton Hotel building that were compromising the structural integrity of the right of way (ROW) and creating a safety concern to the public. The voids at the southwest and southeast corner of the building required immediate repair due to the threat they posed to the new Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CapMetro) Downtown Station on 4th Street, where there were concerns of the voids expanding towards the new platform and tracks of the station.

Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc. (Jay Reese), is the contractor for CapMetro's Downtown Station project, located within approximately 40% of the perimeter of the building. Jay Reese had already mobilized in the area. Due to

Jay Reese's qualifications and experience, its historical knowledge of the area, and because the voids are located within the project area, Jay Reese was deemed to be the best contractor for this emergency contract.

Jay Reese started construction in August 2020. The work involves implementing the design prepared by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) to restore the structural integrity of the ROW. The repairs include installation of a series of piers along the perimeter of the building and a concrete beam constructed to connect the piers together to create a system that supports the sidewalk and ROW. The work also includes utility restores required during the repair.

The repairs to the ROW on 5th Street starting at the northeast corner of the building and traveling westward along 5th Street began in November 2020. This work is anticipated to take approximately three months, depending on the utilities located in the area. The work will then proceed southward on Neches Street to connect with the repairs that were completed at the southeast corner of the building. Work cannot begin along the south of the building until the new CapMetro Downtown Station has opened the south rails for train use.

Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc. is located in Dripping Springs, TX.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety