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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Jim Arndt, Director of Public Works
Dana Greenwood, City Engineer
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DATE: April 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Award a Contract in the net amount of \$70,000 for the 13th Street and Morningside Drive Crosswalk Installation Project to Shaw & Sons; and Authorize Supplemental Appropriation of \$70,000 from Gas Tax Reserves

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council pass a motion to:

- a) Award a contract in the net amount \$70,000 for the 13th Street and Morningside Drive Crosswalk Installation Project to Shaw & Sons.
- b) Approve a supplemental appropriation of \$70,000 from Gas Tax Reserves.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

A supplemental appropriation of \$70,000 from Gas Tax Reserves will be required to fund construction of this project.

DISCUSSION:

Background

At its regularly-scheduled meeting of June 19, 2007, Council approved the design of a new crosswalk located at 13th Street and Morningside Drive. The new crosswalk will continue the existing theme of the paths located between City Hall and the Police/Fire Facility which are seeded with green glass, and the stairs which have an additional “wave” design element down the center. The green seeded glass will be extended across 13th Street towards the Metlox site, and will also include a faded “Beach Scene” of glass and seashells similar to what exists in the center of the stairs. In addition, a 12” concrete ribbon will be placed on the outside edge of the seeded concrete surface to act as a stop bar for westbound traffic and reinforce the appearance of a crosswalk.

Environmental Review

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, this project is Categorically Exempt (Section 15301, Class 1(b)). A Notice of Exemption has been filed with the County Clerk’s office.

Project Calendar

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Su.
14 (April)	15 Award of contract to Shaw & Sons	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Farmer’s Market	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Farmer’s Market	30 Demo of site - 13 th St. closed Valley to Morningside	1 (May)	2	3	4
5 Installation of form work and steel	6 Farmer’s Market	7 Installation of seeded concrete	8 Installation of seeded concrete	9 Installation of seeded concrete	10	11
12	13 Farmer’s Market	14	15	16 13 th Street re-opens! ☺	17	18

Staff has contacted the Manager of the Manhattan Beach Farmer’s Market as well as the Downtown Manhattan Beach Business and Professional Association to discuss the construction schedule. The Farmer’s Market will still be open as usual on Tuesdays during construction with some minor relocation of vendors. Those vendors that would have set up in the area of the crosswalk will be moved to adjacent areas in the street. Staff will continue to keep all of the groups informed of any changes to the schedule.

Bid Proposals

This project was advertised for bids in five construction industry publications. Subsequently, plans and specifications were provided to 34 contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers. A total of one competitive bid was received and opened on January 3, 2008. The bid was reviewed by the Public Works Department and found to be non-responsive and failed to meet the specifications. Since no responsive bids were received, at its regularly-scheduled meeting of January 15, 2008, per Section 20166 of the Public Contract Code, City Council directed staff to contact contractors experienced with this type of specialty concrete work and solicit cost proposals. Staff subsequently solicited and received the following proposals for the work:

- 1) Shaw & Sons \$70,000 (crosswalk installation only)
- 2) Sully-Miller Contracting \$108,050.00
- 3) Griffith Company \$116,425.00

After reviewing the proposals, staff ultimately concluded that it would be more cost-effective for City personnel to perform the demolition, compaction of subgrade, and traffic control portion of the project, while contracting the crosswalk portion to Shaw & Sons, who specialize in this particular kind of lithocrete work.

Representatives of agencies where work has been performed by Shaw & Sons have indicated that the work performed was to their satisfaction. Shaw & Sons was also the firm which completed the City Hall and Police/Fire plaza area with the seeded green glass and wave theme that proved to be so popular with the public and Council. The project was discussed with a representative of the firm and he expressed confidence in his bid and a desire to perform the work in the timeframe shown on the project schedule.

xc: Henry Mitzner, Controller
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