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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager

FROM: Jim Arndt, Director of Public Works
Steve Finton, City Engineer
Raul Saenz, Utilities Manager

DATE: September 7, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of Authorization to Approve Award of Contract (\$54,806.22) to T.E. Roberts Inc. for the Replacement of Water Flow Control Equipment at the Intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Redondo Avenue as Needed to Control Imported Water Flows from the Metropolitan Water District.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council pass a motion to:

1. Award a contract in the amount of \$54,806.22 to T.E. Roberts Inc. for the replacement of flow control equipment at the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Redondo Avenue,
2. Authorize the Public Works Director to approve change orders in amount of \$5,480.62 (10% of contract amount).

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Funding for this project is available in the Public Works Department – Water Division Budget through the Pumping and Treatment Contract Services account (501-18-231-5101).

BACKGROUND:

The flow control facility at the southwest corner of Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Redondo Avenue is the main water feed line to the City's Block 35 water tower and reservoir complex. The facility consists of a large underground vault containing a large remote actuated valve and check valves (back flow valves) used to control water flows coming from the City's Metropolitan Water District connection. The valves at this facility were installed in 1960 and have not been refurbished. Severe corrosion is evident and the valves can no longer close. Staff recommends replacing the valves to assure the continued dependable operation of the facility.

Staff solicited bids to replace the flow control valve and check valve through advertisements placed in the Beach Reporter published on March 11, 2010 and March 18, 2010. Bids were to be opened on March 25, 2010; however, no bids were received.

DISCUSSION:

The California Public Contracts Code (CPC) Section 20162 requires that public projects with expenditures in excess of \$5,000 be contracted for and let to the lowest responsible bidder. CPC Section 20166 further provides that “if no bids are received, the legislative body may have the work done without further complying with this chapter.” This permits the City to negotiate a contract with any appropriately licensed contractor.

T.E. Roberts, Inc. is currently completing a water main replacement project for the City. Staff negotiated a price of \$54,806.22 to have T.E. Roberts complete the flow control valve replacement work. This price is in line with staff cost estimates and is a fair price for the work.

The contract will require that the installation be performed in a single day to minimize disruption to the water system. The large valve assembly to be installed must be fabricated specifically for this location. The contractor has indicated that there is a 22-week manufacturing lead time for the equipment. This would place installation in March 2011.

Attachment: Map

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