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### COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 93-71

FROM: Museum Director  
DATE: August 4, 1993  
SUBJECT: Page Museum Addition Bid

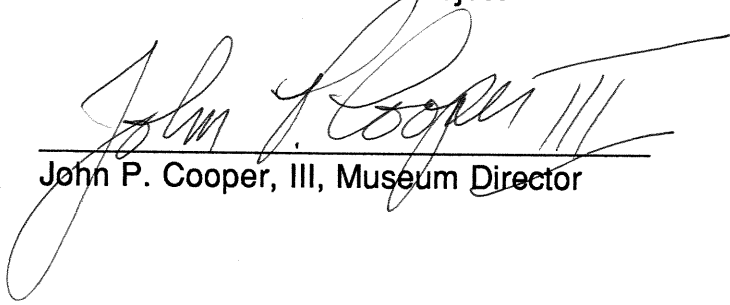
On August 3, 1993 a single bid was received for the Page Museum Addition project. As only one bid was received and it was so far over the budgeted amount it was not viable. The bid total was \$130,000 with the two possible alternatives only saving \$4,075 or \$2,838 respectively. The two alternatives included a rear porch roof and scissor trusses, which would have allowed a higher ceiling in favor of conventional trusses. The cost per square foot is between \$84 per square foot to \$139 per square foot depending on variables.

Because of the effects of Davis Bacon regulations, hourly wage rates from \$27 per hour for laborers to \$35+ for skilled trades, and costs from subcontractors, Administration requests Council authorization to "force account" this project to help keep costs down and accomplish the job within or close to budget.

Under the "force account" approach, the Museum would hire a lead carpenter with contracting experience to complete framing and finish work and to handle job site supervision and coordination. The Museum director would handle solicitation of 3 cost estimates for each phase of work and selection of vendors with approval by Council where applicable. The Architect would still have overall project supervision.

Administration feels that for a project this small this in-house method would allow us to trim costs considerably.

Administration respectfully asks Councils rejection of the bid in the amount of \$130,000 presented by Doug Buyse, authorize the return of his bond and authorize a force account on the Museum Addition Project.

  
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John P. Cooper, III, Museum Director

**APPROVED**  
DATE: 8/9/93  
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