



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 1, 2022

Item Number:

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Daren Grilley, Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Samer Elayyan, Engineering Services Manager

Subject: AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, WILLIAMS PIPELINE CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN COLDWATER CAÑON DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,461,230; AND

APPROVAL OF THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREFOR WITH RESPECT TO DESIGN CRITERIA; AND

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,207,353 (INCLUDING A 10% CONTINGENCY) TO WILLIAMS PIPELINE CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR THE PROJECT; AND

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA), THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ALSO CONSIDER FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM FURTHER REVIEW UNDER CEQA

Attachments:

1. Agreement
2. Categorical Exemption

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends City Council move to approve the award of a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc., for the Water Main Replacement Project in Coldwater Cañon Drive in the amount of \$7,461,230; approve the plans and specifications for the project with respect to design criteria; approve a construction contingency of 10% (for a total not to exceed amount of \$8,207,353); and approve the issuance of a purchase order to Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc., in the amount of

\$8,207,353, and pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), City Council will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

INTRODUCTION

The City of Beverly Hills' water distribution system consists of 170 miles of water mains. To ensure that the water distribution system remains reliable and resilient and to minimize future maintenance and replacement costs, the City is planning to replace approximately 10,800 feet of water main on Coldwater Cañon Drive. Existing water main on this street is 6-inches to 16-inches in diameter with most sections dating between 60 and 90 years old and has suffered breaks in recent years. The City has recently replaced approximately 14,000 feet of water main on Loma Vista Drive and 2,200 feet of water main on San Ysidro Drive.

DISCUSSION

On September 1, 2022, a Notice to Bidders was published on the City's web portal on Planet Bids (planetbids.com) and published in the Beverly Hills Weekly and the Beverly Hills Courier. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was also conducted on September 14, 2022. On October 6, 2022, four (4) bids were received and the bid results were as follows:

Bidder	Bid Total
Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc.	\$7,461,230
MNR Construction, Inc.	\$8,844,710
Ferreira Construction Co. Inc.	\$13,648,870
Toro Enterprises, Inc.	\$14,073,830
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$5,300,000</i>

Staff tabulated and analyzed all bids and determined that Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder and very qualified based on similar projects it constructed for other agencies and within the City of Beverly Hills. Staff recommends the contract be awarded to Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc., for the Water Main Replacement Project in Coldwater Cañon Drive. The lowest responsive bid is approximately 29% above the Engineer's estimate. This may be attributed to material availability, costs and potential delivery delays. Since water systems are considered critical infrastructure, the bidding environment is not likely to improve if the project were to be re-advertised for bids. Upon the award of the contract, staff will meet with the contractor to initiate the submittal process, including the construction schedule. Construction start date will be determined based on the availability of the pipes and other materials that may be impacted by supply chain issues.

Community Engagement

Staff recognizes the importance of keeping residents informed of the impacts of major construction projects. In addition to the community meeting that was held during the design phase in January 2020, a community meeting was held at Coldwater Canyon Park on September 29, 2022, to discuss the Water Main Replacement Project and receive input

on possible traffic and pedestrian safety improvements to be included in the future pavement reconstruction project that will follow the water main replacement. The notice for the meeting was mailed to the residents adjacent to the project site along Coldwater Cañon Drive and the branching streets off Coldwater Cañon Drive. Additional outreach before and throughout construction will include mailers, door hangers, social media postings, newspaper ads and changeable message boards to keep the community informed of work activities as well as to manage regional construction impacts.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.) and the environmental regulations of the City. This project qualifies for a Class 1(d) (15301) categorical exemption for existing facilities including rehabilitation of existing public structures to meet current standards of public health and safety such as the replacement of water mains, valves, fire hydrants and other appurtenances in the public right-of-way. Therefore, it is recommended that City Council find the project exempt from further review under the provisions of CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the project are available in the Capital Improvement Budget in CIP No. 00387 Water Main and Hydrant Replacement.

Shana Epstein,
Director of Public Works

Approved By