



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2014

ITEM NUMBER: CC-4

SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF MEDIANS AND ENTRY MONUMENT SIGN

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2014

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Award a contract to Asakura Robinson Company, 445 Santa Ana Avenue, Newport Beach, California 92663, in an amount not to exceed \$68,350 for design services, and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Professional Services Agreement (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

In the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the City Council allocated funding for the removal of turf and installation of water efficient landscape on the existing medians within the following streets:

1. Mesa Verde Drive (east and west) from Adams Avenue to Adams Avenue.
2. California Street at New Hampshire Avenue.

In addition, the City requested the design and construction of new parkway landscaping on the north side of Gisler Avenue from Iowa Street to California Street, and a unique Entry Monument sign at Newport Boulevard and Industrial Way.

ANALYSIS:

The design scope of work for this project consists of addressing planning, environmental, and design issues pertaining to the preparation of final plans, specifications, and construction cost estimates for the design and installation of an up lighted Entry Monument sign at Industrial Way and Newport Boulevard, re-landscaping of existing medians by removing water intensive, high maintenance turf and replacing it with drought tolerant, water efficient, and low maintenance plant materials; including installation of new water efficient irrigation systems on Mesa Verde Drive and California Street and the new landscaping area within the existing parkway along the north side of Gisler Avenue.

The required design services for the project are extensive and beyond staff's resources at this time. Staff advertised the project for the design phase on July 24, 2014 and received four proposals on August 15, 2014. All proposals were reviewed for compliance with the City's Request For Proposals (RFP's), and the consultants were evaluated based on project understanding, depth of experience, technical expertise, ability to meet the schedule, and associated factors.

After careful review of all proposals, staff has selected Asakura Robinson Company as well qualified to perform the work. The firm's Project Manager exhibited a thorough understanding of the project scope, and has demonstrated to have the technical ability and expertise with similar projects their firm has completed. Staff has determined the proposed cost for consultant services to be reasonable for meeting the City's requirements as listed in the Scope of Services.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The alternative to this Council action would be to not award a design services contract for the stated project, and perform the engineering work with City staff. Due to the volume of work and the large number of projects currently being handled by the Engineering Division, a significant delay in implementing this project would be experienced if staff were to perform the engineering in-house. Delays are estimated to be from twelve to fifteen months.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Capital Improvement budget includes \$693,900 in Capital Improvement funds for these median and parkway improvements. These budgeted funds are sufficient for the design and construction costs for the subject project.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the attached Professional Services Agreement (Attachment 1) as to content and form.

CONCLUSION:

Staff completed the evaluation of the RFP's submitted for design services for the Medians, Parkway, and Entry Monument Sign improvements. It is recommended that the City Council award the design services contract to Asakura Robinson Company, in an amount not to exceed \$68,350 and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Professional Services Agreement.

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Attachments: 1- [Professional Services Agreement](#)
 2- [Location Maps](#)

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