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Northwest 16th Street Streetscape Project - Legislative File Number 98100 (B)

..Explanation

On June 15, 1998, staff provided the CRA with a report on the progress of the Northwest 16th Street Streetscape project including a proposed schedule that described bidding, bid acceptance and projected construction completion sometime during December 1998.

On November 16, 1998 the CRA heard a report from staff that the project was advertised for bidding and one bid received. This bid was later withdrawn by the bidder requiring that the project be rebid. To encourage more bids and simplify the rebidding process, the specifications were modified to use StreetPrint for crosswalks (the most cost effective application) rather than brick pavers or stamped concrete; bid tree wells and brick pavers in utility strips on a per unit basis (more efficient during construction); and, not bid entry columns.

The project was rebid and two bids received as follows: 1) Hipp Construction, \$127,030 plus \$13,470 for street resurfacing (to be paid by the City); and 2) Anglin Construction, \$166,200 plus \$12,700 for street resurfacing (to be paid by the City).

On January 6, 1999 the College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board considered this item. The advisory board discussed that since tax increment revenues for this year are actually higher than projected, sufficient funds exist to accept the low bid. Although the advisory board did consider just constructing sidewalks, the discussion emphasized that the need to have a model streetscape as well as the time, effort and engineering costs invested in the project warrants moving forward at this time.

On January 19, 1999 the Community Redevelopment Agency considered this item, accepted the low bid, approved the appropriation of additional funds for the project and requested that the City Commission do the same.

..Fiscal Note

Funds are available for the project in CRA account MY-618-790-W700-5520 for \$71,370, and City account MY-301-730-T110-5190 for \$10,860. Resurfacing funds are available in City Account MY-301-800-J200-5410. \$44,800 of unappropriated tax increment revenues will be necessary to cover the balance.

..Recommendation

CRA to the City Commission: 1) accept the low bid of \$127,030 plus \$13,470 for street resurfacing; and, 2) appropriate \$44,800 of unappropriated tax increment revenues to account MY-618-790-W700-5520 for the project.