



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
SAN DIMAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CONFERENCE ROOM
245 E. BONITA AVENUE

PRESENT:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris
Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Badar
Councilmember Denis Bertone
Councilmember John Ebner
Councilmember Jeff Templeman

City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran
City Attorney Mark Steres
Assistant City Manager for Community Development Larry Stevens
Director of Public Works Krishna Patel
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. BONITA AVENUE STREETScape RENOVATION PROJECT – STAFF PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PROJECT

Mr. Michaelis explained that the City opened bids for the Bonita Ave. streetscape project and the bids came in higher than the estimate. He mentioned that the apparent low bidder has submitted a request to withdraw his bid due to an error and staff has also had discussions with the second lowest bidder regarding potential change orders to his bid. He added because this is such a significant project staff scheduled the study session to allow the time necessary to walk through the bid award process with the Council. He added that the action by the Council on the bids will take place at the regular meeting later this evening.

Mr. Patel reported that given the request by the apparent low bidder to withdraw his bid and the amount of the bids, the City has two options. The first option is to reject all bids and re-bid the project in hopes of more favorable bids. The second is to allow the low bidder to withdraw his bid and award the bid to the second bidder. He explained that under option 2 staff has worked with the 2nd bidder on some change orders that would reduce the overall price of the contract. He reviewed the pros and cons of each option. He also reviewed the modified items that would be a part of the change orders.

In response to a question Mr. Patel commented that the City has spent \$370,000 to date in the pre-purchase of materials.

Cindi Williams asked if the cost includes façade work for some of the businesses. Mr. Stevens responded that the contract price would include the removal of the fixed overhangs and steps and some associated costs but further façade work would be done as part of a separate façade program with the businesses.

Councilmember Badar expressed concern with the amount of the bids over the architects estimate. Mr. Michaelis explained some of the factors that could have contributed to the increased amount.

Councilmember Ebiner asked for reconsideration of removing the two London Plane trees in front of the gas station. Mr. Patel explained that due to the new grades, the root ball of the trees would be higher than the sidewalk grade.

Mr. Duran explained that the proposed budget presented to the Council includes the full cost of this project, as well as all other capital projects. He added that after use of reserves for the projects the General Fund reserve is around \$16.1 million or 79% of operating expense.

There was some discussion on the start date and timing of the project and coordination with the businesses and the public for parking and access.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Ken Duran, City Clerk



Curtis W. Morris, Mayor