

CITY OF OAKLAND
Agenda Report

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TO: Office of the City Manager
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Public Works Agency
DATE: February 10, 2004

RE: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO BID, ADVERTISE, ACCEPT BIDS, NEGOTIATE IF NECESSARY AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM WITHIN THE PARK BOULEVARD MEDIAN STRIP FROM ESTATES DRIVE TO EXCELSIOR STREET, AT TRIANGULAR TRAFFIC ISLANDS AND THE MINI-PARK LANDSCAPE AREA WITHIN THE PARK BOULEVARD VICINITY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000)**

SUMMARY

Approval of this resolution will authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids and negotiate and award a construction agreement to construct the irrigation system within the Park Boulevard median strip between Excelsior Street and Estates Drive for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

The design for the irrigation system is complete. The City wants to hire a contractor to install the irrigation system. Members of the Glenview Neighborhood Association have agreed to pay for the cost of the plants and donate the labor for the median planting. The members of Glenview Neighborhood District plan to plant in the spring of 2004, which is the ideal time to plant such medians. The normal bid and award process takes approximately four months, which would delay the planting period beyond this time.

The community plans a plant festival in spring, and staff would like to expedite the process in order to meet this schedule. Our landscape architect has also advised that spring is the best time for planting the particular plants chosen for the median. Under the normal bid and award process, bids would be received and a contractor selected before Council award could be scheduled; the work could not begin until after spring 2004.

This project conforms to Council Goal number 3, which encourages neighborhood improvements.

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Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids and award a construction contract for the construction of an irrigation system and to authorize acceptance of the volunteered labor and plants donated by members of Glenview Neighborhood District for this project.

Staff recommends City Council approval prior to completion of the bidding period in order to expedite the award process and meet the community's planting schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of construction is estimated at \$200,000. Councilmember De La Fuente's transportation related discretionary account will provide \$150,000 of project funds. Councilmember Henry Chang's transportation related discretionary account will provide an additional \$100,000. Funds remaining from construction cost are utilized for design of the irrigation plans and project and construction management. Funds for the project are available in the projects B246800 and B247100.

The cost for the plants, plant design and labor for plant installation will be borne by the Glenview Neighborhood District. There are no available funds for maintenance of the irrigation system and the plants. They will be maintained through community efforts after the plants are installed.

BACKGROUND

The Park Boulevard Median strip from Excelsior to Estates Drive is approximately 1600 feet in length. The Glenview Neighborhood Association has approached the City with a proposal to provide the labor and materials to plant the existing median strip. Irrigation of this strip is necessary to maintain this planting and must be completed prior to the planting.

The planting of the median will improve the aesthetics of the area and encourage neighborhood pride. The project will provide the members of the community an opportunity to participate in a community driven planting effort and encourage community cooperation and median strip maintenance efforts. The members of the community have agreed to donate the plants and the labor and hire their own landscape architect to design the plant drawings.

Contractors will be required to meet all City of Oakland LBE/SLBE requirements.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The project will offer employment opportunities to Oakland based firms.

Environmental: The project will improve the air quality within the environment.

Social Equity: The project will improve the aesthetics of the area and provide a pedestrian friendly environment.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no impacts for disability and senior citizen access on this project.

RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE

The Glenview Neighborhood Association has committed significant community talents and resources to this project. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution to assure that the City contract work is completed in time for the community planting.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

Requires two-thirds vote of the Council

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO BID, ADVERTISE, ACCEPT BIDS, NEGOTIATE IF NECESSARY AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM WITHIN THE PARK BOULEVARD MEDIAN STRIP FROM ESTATES DRIVE TO EXCELSIOR STREET, AT TRIANGULAR TRAFFIC ISLANDS AND THE MINI-PARK LANDSCAPE AREA WITHIN PARK BOULEVARD VICINITY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000)

WHEREAS, Councilmember De La Fuente's office and Councilmember Henry Chang's office dedicated \$150,000 and \$100,000 respectively from their transportation-related council discretionary accounts for the construction of an irrigation system within the Park Boulevard median strip; and

WHEREAS, the construction cost of the project is estimated at \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with PGA Landscape Architects to design the irrigation system; and

WHEREAS, the design of the irrigation system is complete; and

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of \$50,000 from the transportation-related council discretionary accounts will be utilized for design, project and construction management; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Glenview Neighborhood District, a landscape architect, prepared the planting plans; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Glenview Neighborhood District volunteered the plants and the labor to perform the median planting; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Association plan to start planting by Spring 2004; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed the planting plans and concurs that the plants comply with City standard plants; and

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WHEREAS, the normal bid and award process takes approximately four months; and

WHEREAS, waiting for the completion of the normal bid and award period would delay the community intended planting period; and

WHEREAS, funds to construct the project are available in fund B246800 and B247100; and

WHEREAS, the City lacks the equipment and qualified personnel to perform the necessary work; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the performance of this contract is in the public interest because of economy or better performance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the performance of this contract shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive services; and

WHEREAS, the City now intends to commence construction of the Park Boulevard median work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to advertise for and competitively bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, or to reject all bids and negotiate and award a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the installation of an irrigation system within the Park Boulevard Median Strip from Estates Drive to Excelsior Street, at Triangular Traffic Islands and the Mini-Park Landscape Area within the Park Boulevard vicinity, according to City Standard Specifications and Contractor's bid; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby allocates the funds for the construction of the Park Boulevard Median Irrigation Project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the plans and specifications prepared by the PGA Architects for this project are hereby approved; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the amount of the bond for faithful performance, \$200,000 and the amount for a 100% bond to guarantee payment of all claims for labor and materials furnished, and for the amount due under the Unemployment Insurance Act, with respect to such work are hereby approved; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the successful contractor on behalf of the City of Oakland and to execute any amendments or modifications to said agreement within the limitations of the project specifications; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Office of the City Attorney shall approve all documents, agreements, and amendments as to form and legality and a copy will be placed on file at the Office of the City Clerk; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the approval of this resolution requires a two-thirds vote of the Council members.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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