

Staff Report

May 1, 2023 Council Regular Meeting

NW 14th Avenue Improvements Bids

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Time Estimate: 10 minutes

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BACKGROUND: NW 14th Avenue between NE Ash and NE Couch Street has severely damaged asphalt roadway and concrete sidewalk. A corroded and leaking six-inch diameter cast iron water main runs the length of the project and supplies water to homes through heavily corroded and undersized service lines.

SUMMARY: The 2023 budget includes \$88,000 from the Streets Fund and \$175,000 from the Water Fund to reconstruct asphalt roadway, concrete sidewalk and curb ramps, storm drainage facilities and a six-inch diameter water line. The project will also be funded in part by a \$212,000 Community Development Block Grant administered by Clark County. Three construction bids were submitted at the April 21, 2023 bid opening. The apparent low bidder was Odyssey Contracting LLC in the amount of \$333,989.59 and the second lowest bidder was Advanced Excavating Specialists LLC in the amount of \$372,408.23.

Staff has reviewed the bids and bid documents with the city attorney. Based on two bid irregularities and confusion on the required time for bid submittals, staff recommends that Council reject all bids and direct staff to rebid the project.

The decision to reject all bids is supported by language in the Call for Bids which states, "The City of Camas expressly reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive minor irregularities or informalities and to Award the Project to the lowest responsible bidder as it best serves the interests of the City."

BUDGET IMPACT: A rebid of this project should not adversely affect the budget and timing for construction this year.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council reject all bids and direct staff to rebid the project.