



## Staff Report – Consent Agenda

November 4, 2024 Council Regular Meeting

Library Building Improvements Bid

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**BACKGROUND:** The Library Building Improvement project, approved for the 2023-2024 biennial budget, encompasses both exterior and interior improvements to the building. These focus primarily on safety and accessibility concerns identified in an independent facility condition assessment (exterior), and an improved Children’s Library as requested by community members throughout the Library’s most recent strategic planning process (interior).

**SUMMARY:** On September 5, 2024 staff publicly advertised the project to bid, with pre-bid meetings and site walks on September 20 and October 4. On October 22, 2024 staff received three proposals and held a public bid opening. The low bidder, Christensen, Inc., bid significantly higher than the allotted budget.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The City has received a \$730,000 grant from the Department of Commerce for the exterior improvements; donations for the Children’s Library total roughly \$120,000 thus far. ARPA, GO Bond, and Capital Facilities comprise the remaining budgetary funding.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends rejecting all bids and re-bidding this project with a revised scope.