



STAFF REPORT
3/10/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Maritza Martinez, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Authorize award of purchase to Vintage Associates, Inc. for City Hall fountain bowl replacement, in the amount of \$21,249.16 and authorize appropriation of \$21,249.16 from undesignated general fund reserves for this purchase.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The bottom bowl of the fountain located at City Hall needs to be replaced. This fountain was installed in 2012/2013 with the downtown improvements completed as part of the Sixth Street Façade and Streetscape Project. Staff has formally bid a Request for Proposals (RFP) for removal and replacement of the bottom bowl at City Hall twice; first in November 2020 and again in January 2021. In both instances, advertisements were published in the Desert Sun three times and the RFP notices were picked up by various publishing houses. The city did not receive any responses to either RFP.

As no responses were received from the formally published requests, staff has re-evaluated the project and solicited prefabricated options. Staff solicited informal proposals for replacement of the bottom bowl of the City Hall fountain from Teserra Outdoors, Vintage Associates Inc, Desert Concepts, California Pools and Ojeda Pools. Vintage Associates Inc. was the only responsive bidder and provided a quote for a prefabricated fountain bowl measuring twelve feet in diameter. The size of the current bottom bowl is fourteen feet in diameter; all other dimensions are comparable to existing bowl. If selected this prefabricated option will take 6-8 weeks to fabricate. Staff will complete the needed demo and installation once a delivery date is confirmed. Staff will also remove and reinstall the water feature to the new fountain bowl. The recommended purchase also includes a concrete stain that will be applied by City resources to match the existing fountain. A depiction of the prefabricated bottom bowl is provided below. Also shown below, is a sample of the color stain the bowl will be fabricated to match and applied to existing fountain bowls.



Fountain Color (stain)	Fountain Design
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If this design option is not an acceptable option, staff can re-publish a formal RFP for the bowl replacement with an increased budget amount of \$75,000-\$125,000; the prior RFPs identified a budget of \$25,000 - \$40,000. The maintenance repair costs to the City Hall fountain will need to be allocated from the city's unallocated general fund reserves.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize award of purchase to Vintage Associates, Inc. for City Hall fountain bowl replacement, in the amount of \$21,249.16 and authorize appropriation of \$21,249.16 from undesignated general fund reserves for this purchase.
2. Rebid project with an advertised budget of \$75,000 - \$125,000.
3. Provide alternative direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended action will require allocation of \$21,249.00 from unallocated general fund reserves.

Attachment:
Proposed Letter Agreement