



STAFF REPORT

December 7, 2022
File Number 0600-10; A-3437

SUBJECT

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ESCONDIDO CREEK TRAIL FENCING PROJECT

DEPARTMENT

Development Services, Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION

Request that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-165, awarding the construction contract to Lightning Fence Co., Inc., determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to execute a Public Improvement Agreement in the amount of \$324,400 for the Escondido Creek Trail Fencing Project ("Project") and authorizing the Mayor to execute a change order in the amount of \$404,500 for the construction of Phase 2 of the Project contingent on the programming of additional funding.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Andrew Firestine, Development Services Director and Julie Procopio, City Engineer)

Presenter: Jonathan Schauble, Principal Engineer

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds in the amount of \$635,000 have been allocated for this Project. Bids received were higher than anticipated due to increases in construction material and labor costs. Additional funding in the amount of \$250,000 is required to complete the second phase of the Project and cover anticipated Project costs, including construction contingency, inspection, and testing of materials.

Staff is exploring alternative funding sources and is working with Housing and Neighborhood Division staff to identify CDBG funds for the project. No funding decisions have been made; however, Housing and Neighborhood staff expects to return to City Council in January 2023 to request a substantial amendment to close out completed CDBG projects and consider directing additional funding to this Project.

BACKGROUND

The Project will replace the existing chain-link fencing along the Escondido Creek Trail with a new six-foot black ornamental wrought iron perimeter fence. Phase 1 of the Project will improve the fencing along the north and south sides of the flood control channel between Ash Street and N. Rose Street. Phase 2 of the Project would improve the fencing along the channel between N. Rose Street and Midway Drive. The new



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fencing will improve the appearance, maintainability, and security of the Escondido Creek Trail, a key recreational amenity in the area.

On October 20, 2022, five sealed bids were received in response to the advertised request for bids for the Project. The confirmed totals for the total base and additive alternate bid items are listed below:

Lightning Fence Co., Inc.	\$728,900.00
Red Hawk Services Inc.	\$1,070,477.90
GEM Industrial, Inc.	\$1,201,700.00
Alvand Construction Inc.	\$1,213,000.00
Tri-Group Construction, Inc	\$1,650,000.00

Staff has evaluated the bids and determined that the bid submitted by Lightning Fence Co., Inc. is the lowest responsive and responsible bid. Staff recommends awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$324,400.00 to Lightning Fence Co., Inc. for Phase 1 of this Project.

Breaking up the Project into two phases (base bid and alternative bid) provides staff with the flexibility to move forward with the award of Phase 1 work within the available budget that will support meeting annual expenditure requirements of CDBG funding. Staff requests authorization for the Mayor to execute a change order for the construction of Phase 2 work, in the amount of \$404,500, contingent upon programming of additional funding to complete this work. The City Council will be asked to consider additional programming of funding for the Project in January 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2022-165
- b. Resolution No. 2022-165 – Exhibit A – Public Improvement Agreement