



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 2, 2020

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 11-02-2020-B that subjects the City of Sonora to the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCAA) and Consideration to introduce Ordinance No. 875, amending Chapter 3.60 of the City of Sonora municipal code

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 11-02-2020-B that subject the City of Sonora to the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCAA); introduce by title and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 875 amending chapter 3.60, sections 3.60.010 through 3.60.200 of the City of Sonora municipal code to adopt the provisions of the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Procedures; and set second reading and possible adoption for November 16, 2020 at 5PM.

DISCUSSION

The City of Sonora is currently subject to the provisions of California Public Contract Code Sections 20160 to 20175. This Section governs how and when contracts for public projects are to be advertised, bid and awarded. The Public Contract Code is intended to ensure that the City receives the lowest competitive bid on public projects. One of the provisions of this state law is that all public projects with a value of \$5,000 or more must be competitively bid. This process requires that each project valued in excess of \$5,000 have plans and specifications prepared by an engineer, be advertised, follow a formal bid process laid out in the Public Contract Code, and projects awarded by Council go to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. This process can be time consuming and at times results in additional time to advance each project in excess of \$5,000. On smaller projects, this requirement can impose complex procedures and processes that are out of proportion to the value of the work being contracted.

To streamline the procurement process, staff is recommending the City adopt the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Procedure (UCCAP). This raises the ceiling on the value of public projects that the City can perform with its own forces or contract for with a purchase order up to \$60,000; and simplifies the procedures for bidding public contracts of less than \$200,000 in value by using an informal bidding process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Procedures gives the City of Sonora more options relative to performing, bidding, or negotiating public projects that would ultimately lead to more cost-effective use of public funds.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Resolution 11-02-2020-B
- Attachment B: Ordinance No. 875 Amending Chapters 3.60 and Sections 3.60.010 Through 3.60.200 of the City of Sonora's Municipal Code