



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: September 8, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Carlye Buchholz, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Consider Approval and Award the Parking Lots Improvement Project Construction Contract to Taylor Backhoe Service, Inc. (TBS) Based on their Submittal of the Lowest Responsive Base Bid for Construction. Additional elements Include Approval of the Bid Alternative to Include Solar Street Lighting in the Project.

Consider Approval of Task Order 26-08 Contract Amendment #2 to Dewberry Engineers Inc. (Dewberry) for Associated Construction Management, Engineering Support, and Inspection Costs Associated with the Parking Lots Improvement Project.

Grant City Administrator Authority to Approve Construction Change Orders up to a Combined Total of 15% of the Construction Contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Consider Approval and Award the FY 25/26 Parking Lots Improvement Project Construction Contract to Taylor Backhoe Service, Inc. (TBS) Based on the Lowest Responsive Base Bid for Construction in the Amount of \$703,221.71; and
2. Consider Approval of Task Order 26-08 Contract Amendment #2 to Dewberry Engineers Inc. for Associated Construction Management, Engineering Support, and Inspection Costs in the Amount of \$149,344.76; and
3. Consider Approval of the Bid Alternative to Include Solar Street Lighting in the Project in the Amount of \$105,000; and
4. Consider Authorization for City Administrator to Approve Construction Change Orders up to a Combined Total of 15% of the Construction Contract.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sonora solicited bids for the construction of the FY 25/26 Parking Lots Improvement Project, including the reconstruction of two (2) parking lots, Lyons and Stewart Street, Church and Stewart Street and associated improvements. The bids were opened on Friday, August 28 at 11:00 AM. There was a total of six (6) bids submitted.



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The City received the following bids:

1. KW Emerson	\$1,165,843
2. Dirt Dynasty	\$887,238
3. TBS	\$703,221.71
4. United Pavement Maintenance	\$978,879.11
5. BZ Construction	\$1,145,708
6. Mission Construction \$	\$898,000

The approved construction budget for the FY 25/26 Parking Lots Improvement Project is \$1.14M.

The estimated construction duration is 40 working days (approx. 8 weeks).

The Dewberry team was previously tasked with partial Construction Management in the original 26-08 Task Order, but those services were removed from the scope of work at the August 3rd City Council meeting when budget was shifted to finalize the project documents and include improvements to Bradford Street. Now that bidding is complete, construction management, inspection, and construction engineering support services will need to be added back into the scope of Task Order 26-08 through a contract amendment.

During project design, Alley Tree and Landscape Inc. provided a certified arborist report to inform the construction documents and to make sure the existing trees are properly protected. The certified arborist report highly advises having an arborist on-site when construction begins to provide guidance and recommendations to save the existing trees.

DISCUSSION:

City staff recommend contract award to TBS since they are the lowest responsible bidder, measured by base bid, with a base bid of \$703,221.71. City staff also recommend authorizing the bid alternative to add solar lighting improvements at TBS's bid price of \$105,000.00. The total construction contract amount awarded to TBS would be \$808,221.71. City staff recommend granting City Administrator authority to approve change orders up to a combined total of 15% of the construction contract, up to \$121,233.26.

TBS's licenses are all current and have licenses for the work associated with this project. All their sub-contractors have current licenses as well. However, one of the subcontractor Equal Employment Opportunity forms was missing from the original bid submission. City staff has consulted the City's legal team and considers this a minor bid irregularity that does not affect the underlying bid documentation and substantive bid terms. The missing form was provided by TBS after bid opening.

The Dewberry team will provide construction management, full-time inspection, and construction engineering support for the FY 25/26 Parking Lots Improvement Project. Dewberry will administer the contract and work closely with the contractor to construct the project on schedule, within budget, and to keep the public notified and safe during construction. Any deviations from the contract documents will be coordinated with engineering



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and the City. Construction Engineering Support includes review of submittals, request for information, design changes, record drawings, and additional design support as needed to complete the project.

The draft construction contract is attached as part of the item. The document is currently being reviewed by the City's legal team and the contractor for the project. Upon agreement by all parties the contract will be executed, and the work scheduled.

A certified arborist will be on-site during demolition and reconstruction activities to review compliance with work around existing trees. During construction activities they will provide recommendations if needed while working around the critical root zone.

The costs associated with approval for all four (4) agenda items are as follows:

1. Construction- Base Bid	\$703, 221.71
2. Construction- Addition, Solar Lighting	\$105,000
3. Construction Contingency, 15%	\$121, 233.26
4. Construction Management, Inspection and Engineering Support	\$149,344.76

Total Cost **\$1, 078,799.73**

Measure Y:

This project is funded by Measure Y, the City's voter-approved 1% sales tax measure. The City extends its appreciation to the residents of Sonora for their support of Measure Y, which has provided the funding necessary to complete important local infrastructure improvements such as this project. Without Measure Y funding, the City would not have had the financial resources available to undertake these parking lot improvements. As part of the project, signage will be installed recognizing that the improvements to the Lyons-Stewart and Church-Stewart parking lots were funded by **Measure Y**.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2025/26 Parking Lot Project, which includes improvements to the **Lyons-Stewart Parking Lot and Church-Stewart Parking Lot**, was originally budgeted at **\$1,311,400**, inclusive of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and construction costs. After expenditures associated with project development and PS&E, **\$1,248,540** remained available and was encumbered in FY 2026/27 for completion of the project.

The current total project cost is **\$1,078,799.73**, including a recommended 15% project contingency to address unforeseen conditions, quantity adjustments, or other necessary changes that may arise during construction. Including the contingency, the maximum authorized project amount would be **\$1,078,800**.



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The total authorized amount, including contingency, remains \$169,740 below the \$1,248,540 encumbered for the project. Sufficient funds are therefore available within the previously approved project budget, and no additional appropriation is required.

Any remaining project funds and associated budget authority following completion of the project will be **reprogrammed as part of the FY 2026/27 Mid-Year Budget Update.**

ATTACHMENTS:

- TBS Bid Submittal
- Task Order 26-08 Contract Amendment
- Parking Lot Improvement Project Construction Contract

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Infrastructure and Engineering