



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE: April 7, 2015

ITEM TITLE: AWARD A CONTRACT TO GOLDEN VALLEY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PERIMETER LANDSCAPING OF CITY-OWNED LOTS ON AVENUE 52 PROJECT

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 6

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Award a contract to Golden Valley Construction in the amount of \$102,507.25 for the Perimeter Landscaping of City-owned Lots on Avenue 52 project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- This project entails installing desert landscaping and drip irrigation along the perimeter of three City-owned vacant lots on the north side of Avenue 52 between Avenida Navarro and Desert Club Drive.
- The project will allow staff to analyze water and maintenance costs to compare a "desert friendly" landscape installation to a traditional landscape installation.
- Per City Council direction, staff solicited construction bids from contractors. A total of four construction bids were received for this project. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Golden Valley Construction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is included in the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 (Project No. 2014-10), and is programmed to receive \$313,000 from the City's General Fund. At this contract award amount, \$112,492.75 is available for reassignment to other capital projects at the conclusion of the work.

The approved Capital Improvement Program budget is:

BUDGET LINE ITEM	BUDGET
Professional:	\$ 15,587
Technical (Inspection/Test/Survey):	\$ 20,963
Design:	\$ 21,500
Construction:	\$215,000
Contingency:	\$ 29,200
City Administration:	\$ 10,750
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$313,000

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On February 3, 2015, City Council approved advertisement for construction bids to install desert landscaping on three City-owned vacant parcels on the north side of Avenue 52 between Avenida Navarro and Desert Club Drive (Attachment 1). While the project will feature landscaping to match the median on the Avenue 52 frontage, the side streets and Calle Amigo parkways will use a reduced plant palette and feature boulders, cobble and decomposed granite to reduce water consumption and maintenance costs.

Contingent upon City Council’s approval to award a contract on April 7, 2015, the following is the project schedule:

Execute Contract and Mobilize	April 8 – May 1, 2015
Construction (45 Working Days)	May 2 – July 6, 2015
Accept Improvements	August 2015

ALTERNATIVES:

Since this project is needed to improve the frontage of Avenue 52 as well as address dust control from these lots, no alternative is recommended.

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Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachment: 1. Vicinity Map

