

AGENDA



Thursday, October 18, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 19**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with WILLIAMS and THOMAS, L.P. dba JAMAIL and SMITH CONSTRUCTION, Austin, TX, for the Twin Oaks Branch Library in an amount of \$3,416,972 plus an \$83,028 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Library Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Cynthia De Witt Jordan 974-7183, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

Purchasing Language: Lowest of four bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 16.33% MBE and 14.42% WBE subcontractor participation. Related to item #9.

Prior Council Action: 05/09/2002 and 06/12/2003- Site Acquisition.

On November 3, 1998, voters approved a bond issue for the design, construction, and furnishing of the Twin Oaks Branch Library as a replacement for the leased space Twin Oaks Branch Library.

The new 10,120 square foot library will provide needed services for adults and children in the surrounding south Austin neighborhoods. The project includes space for check out, reference, children's programming, study and reading areas, and many computers for catalog accessing and other functions. It also includes a multipurpose room for large group meetings, restrooms, display area, offices, and storage rooms. Adequate parking, a plaza, outdoor reading garden, outdoor story time area, and an interior book drop are also included. An alternate to utilize recycled lumber in the roof trusses has been accepted. The project also includes the deconstruction of a 10,000 square foot facility and its associated site improvements. A 2.4% construction contingency is being requested due to any hidden conditions that might be found.

The contract allows 365 calendar days for completion of this project.