

AGENDA



Thursday, May 22, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING CO., INC., Austin, Texas for the Group 1 Street Reconstruction and Utility Adjustments for Oak Plantation Phase 1 in the amount of \$1,058,415 plus a \$52,920.75 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,111,335.75.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lower of two 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 6.14% MBE and 3.21% WBE subcontractor participation.

The Street and Bridge Division of the Public Works Department conducted a study of the streets across Austin and determined which streets were in the poorest condition. All streets were ranked a top priority and grouped according to their proximity. This is the first group of several groups of street reconstruction projects.

This project involves full depth street reconstruction of Blumie, Elija, Dalton and James Ander streets, located in southwest Austin. New sidewalk will be installed on one side of each street and four hundred linear feet of storm sewer will be installed to address a drainage problem. Work is estimated to begin in July, 2008 and to be completed within six months. Notices of the upcoming construction were delivered to all residents in the neighborhood in February 2008. The work is required due to deteriorated conditions of the roadway.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right of way, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows for 120 working days for completion of this project.