Thursday, April 30, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 11

Subject: Authorize the City Manager to use the Competitive Sealed Proposal method for contracting for construction of the following projects: the North East Austin Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Construction Project; the Central East Austin Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Construction Project; the South East Austin Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Construction Project; the Forest Trail and Stamford Way Street Reconstruction and Utility Adjustment Project; and the Elton Lane and Griswold Lane Street Reconstruction and Utility Adjustment Project.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Subchapter H of Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code allows municipalities solicitation options, upon approval of the governing entity, for construction including Competitive Sealed Proposal. To consider a construction contract using a method other than traditional competitive bidding, the governing body of the municipality must, before advertising, approve the alternative method selected.

Competitive Sealed Proposals is the alternative delivery method most closely related to competitive bidding. The principal difference is the opportunity for negotiation between the City and the proposer and the Request for Proposal (RFP) style response from the contractors. Instead of advertising an Invitation for Bids (IFB), the City advertises a RFP that includes construction documents, selection criteria, and other required information. An evaluation committee reviews the submitted proposals and scores them in accordance with the evaluation criteria to determine the highest ranked proposer.