

AGENDA



Thursday, September 23, 2010

Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 9

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with QUEST CIVIL CONSTRUCTORS, Phoenix, AZ, for the Barton Springs Pool Flood Debris Removal project in the amount of \$442,244 plus a \$22,112.20 contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$464,356.20.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Gary Gregson, 974-9475; April Thedford, 974-6716; Sarah Terry, 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of 3 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 17.10% MBE and 2.37% WBE subcontractor participation.

Prior Council Action: October 19, 2006 – Council passed a resolution directing a master plan be developed for Barton Springs Pool; September 10, 2007 – Council authorized \$6.2 million for short-term improvements at Barton Springs; January 15, 2009 – Council adopted the Barton Springs Pool Master Plan: Concepts for Preservation and Improvement; January 14, 2010 – Council passed an ordinance granting a variance from 25-8-482 and site specific amendment to SOS to allow the project.

Large deposits of debris, consisting mostly of gravel and small boulders, have accumulated in the deep end of Barton Springs Pool since 1991. Due to the listing of the Barton Springs Salamander as an endangered species, previous methods used for periodically removing the flood debris are no longer viable. An effort utilizing a vacuum device was attempted in 2006, but this method had only minimal success.

The current plan for removing the flood debris was developed by a local engineering firm with significant input from stakeholders. The plan is designed to be as ecologically and environmentally sensitive as possible, and includes protection of heritage trees and the endangered salamander habitats.

A construction path and tree protection consisting of hardwood mulch and timber planks will be installed prior to the start of construction to minimize impact to the grounds and existing trees. This will distribute the weight of any equipment entering the site. The plan also calls for restoration of the turf and fertilization of the trees once the flood debris has been removed.

Approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (which required a public hearing and an approved Water Pollution Abatement Plan) has been granted for the work.

The contract is set at 45 days of construction and Barton Springs Pool is scheduled to be closed for 30 days. The project is estimated to be complete by December 2010.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.