

MEMORANDUM

March 31, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: Kenneth Fields, City Manager

FROM: Sarah B. Kirkland, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Construction Services to be awarded to Martin Paving for the Relocation of utility lines associated with the Florida Department of Transportation SR60/US27 Interchange construction.

SYNOPSIS: Because of the SR60/US27 interchange construction, several utility lines are in need of relocation. The Florida Department of Transportation has expedited their schedule and the City has quite a few lines that are needed to be relocated. Staff recommends the commission award the bid to Martin Paving.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action, Approve the award of bid to Martin Paaving for the relocation of all utilities associated with the relocation associated with the US27/SR60 interchange project in the amount of \$1,365,179.63
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the construction contract associated with this project.

BACKGROUND

The FDOT has an interchange reconfiguration project that will take place in the area of US27/SR60 interchange. As a result of this construction, city water and sewer lines that are in conflict within this area will have to be relocated. One of the first steps FDOT required with extensive conflicts is engineered plans detailing the extent of the relocation to be submitted to their office for approval. Staff has completed the relocation schedule and, has had it approved by the Florida Department of Transportation. The district notified all the utility providers in the area of their approvals in January. This late approval has now placed the City in the situation of having to pay liquated damages, due to the fact that now the City does not have enough time for the before construction relocations.

Due to this fact, the normal bidding process had to be placed aside. Staff did actively seek bids from several contractors that had been worked with in the past. All the bids and responses received were viewed only by staff and were not seen by any of the contractors asked to provide bids. They were all sent a copy of the plans and specs and copy of the schedule of quantiles so they were all bidding apples to apples on the relocations. The process was confirmed with the procurement department, to ensure the method to received bids were proper due to forgoing the normal bidding procedures.

FDOT's expedited schedule prohibited three of the contractors from supplying a bid because they could not commit to completing the project in the time frame needed. One contractor had their bonding tied up with current commitments and their bonding would not cover both jobs due to the dollar amount needed. One contractor was unresponsive. The original budget was set at \$500,000, which was to cover engineering and construction. The time it took FDOT to let the project to construction has given

the construction community time to become a lot busier and construction prices have increased. This necessitated an increase in the budget of \$865,179.63. The Utilities Director has had a conversation with the Finance Director to ensure there is enough funds in the utilities fund to cover the unexpected increase in the budget to cover this project. The Finance Director has confirmed there are enough funds to cover the increased budget.

Staff recommends the commission take the following action, approve the award of bid to Martin Paving, in the amount of \$1,365.179.63 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract associated with the project.

OPTIONS

The Commission could chose not to approve the award of bid, placing the city in the position to pay liquidated damages. This would happen because of not being able to relocate all city facilities, causing a delay for FDOT's contactor.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds have been placed in the 2019-2020 Capital Improvements budget for this expenditure that were set at \$500,000. This anticipated budget was set several years ago and was carried forward year after year. Due to an expedited schedule, several contractors could not commit to the time frame needed to start construction and the construction climate has become so much busier, construction prices have increased. A budget amendment will be required in the amount of \$870,000. The Finance Director has verified the utilities fund has enough funds to cover the increase in funds for the budget of this project.

ATTACHMENTS

Martin Paving Contract
Martin Paving Bid
Tucker Paving Response
Tri-Sure Inc Response
DayIn Construction
Harris McBurney Response
Odom Contracting Unresponsive