

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MARCH 8, 2006

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 20166, FOR CITY HALL REPAIR PROJECT; NIB 05-06.

On January 25, 2006, the City received authorization from City Council to seek bids for the repair of City Hall. On Monday, February 13, 2006, a non-mandatory job walk was held. Two contractors attended the job walk. On Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., the bid opening was held and no bids were received.

In cases where no bids are received, California Public Contract Code Section 20166 permits the City to complete the project through other means. Therefore, it is recommended that City Council direct staff to seek additional bids in coordination with our claim adjuster, Ron Elbling of Crawford Technical Services. Mr. Elbling will contact several building contractors and will correspond directly with Mercury Insurance, the insurance company for the individual at fault. Staff will review bids and check contractor references to ensure the quality and experience of the contractors.

At such time a qualified contractor is selected, staff will bring back an award of contract for City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended that City Council:

1. Determine that no bids were received for the City Hall Repair Project; NIB 05-06.
2. Direct staff to proceed to complete the City Hall Repair Project; NIB 05-06, without further compliance with Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, as authorized by California Public Contract Code 20166.