

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE: MAY 8, 2024**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: NATHAN HAMBURGER, CITY MANAGER**

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**SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BID FOR THE CHUMASH PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; NIB 24-01: AND REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR A REVISED BID PACKAGE**

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On January 10, 2024, the City Council authorized staff to seek bids for the Chumash Park Improvements Project; NIB 24-01. The scope of work includes replacing the existing restroom with a new prefabricated restroom, installing new utilities, and replacing existing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible curb ramps and paths of travel serving the park and playground equipment area.

During the advertising period, seventeen (17) plan rooms, contractors, and vendors viewed the plans and specifications. On April 9, 2024, the City received one (1) bid from Zuma Construction Group (Zuma) in the amount of \$644,410.

Staff reviewed Zuma's bid submittal and found they did not submit the required bidder's bond. Subsequently, Zuma's bid submittal was deemed non-responsive and could not be considered. In addition, the ADA improvements are being funded with Community Developments Block Grant (CDBG) funds which requires the submittal of two or more competitive bids.

Due to the lack of bid submittals, staff believes re-bidding this project would bring similar results. Staff reviewed the scope of work and feel dividing the restroom and ADA improvements into two separate projects may generate additional bids. By adjusting the project scope, staff may proceed with seeking informal bids for the restroom and utility work since the estimated cost falls below the \$200,000 threshold. The ADA improvements would still need to go through the formal solicitation process as required by the CDBG program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Project is funded through a combination of Capital Project, Measure A, and CDBG Funds. There is no fiscal impact associated with the rejection of the bid and the authorization to re-bid the project.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. The City Council reject the bid received for the Chumash Park Improvements Project; NIB 24-01; and
2. Authorize staff to seek bids for a revised bid package for the Chumash Park Improvements Project.