

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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

**FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER**

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**SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE THOUSAND OAKS BOULEVARD  
MEDIAN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT; NIB 06-04**

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This Fiscal Year's Capital Improvement Program includes a joint beautification project with the City of Westlake Village to improve the Thousand Oaks Boulevard streetscape at the City's westerly boundary. On September 27, 2006, the City Council approved a construction and maintenance agreement in which the two cities would split the costs evenly, with Westlake Village being the lead agency responsible for the advertising, bid award, contract administration, and construction management portions of the project.

The project will consist of removing existing landscaping within the median at the joint boundary located near the Lake Lindero Golf Club and Lindero Creek. The median landscaping will be replaced with a variety of flowers and plants, and the open lot west of the golf course, on the north side of Thousand Oaks Boulevard, will be screened with new trees. Hanging planters will be installed on new wrought iron fencing over the Lindero Creek channel. The wrought iron fencing will continue westerly on the south side of Thousand Oaks Boulevard to Portola Court. In addition, the golf course's trash enclosure that fronts Thousand Oaks Boulevard will receive a new decorative gate.

Staff worked with the City Engineer of Westlake Village and a consultant landscape architect to prepare the plans and specifications, which were reviewed and approved by the Public Works Committee. On January 24, 2007, City Council approved the plans, specifications, and estimates and authorized staff to seek bids for the Thousand Oaks Boulevard Median Project; NIB 06-04. In order to get competitive bids, the City of Westlake Village allowed contractors to either bid on the landscape and hardscape portions separately, or bid on the entire project.

On March 2, 2007, Westlake Village received three (3) sealed bids for this project. Two bids were for the landscape work, and one for the hardscape portion of the project. By combining the two lowest bids, it was determined the costs would have been twice the original amount budgeted for the project. Discussions with the Westlake Village City Engineer and consulting landscape architect outlined the following reasons as to why this occurred:

1. The contractors made an incorrect assumption of the scope of work for the hardscape portion of the project.

2. The quantities of plant materials required were far higher than the landscape architect anticipated.

On March 28, 2007, the Westlake Village City Council rejected all bids and directed staff to make changes to the plans to address any misunderstandings in order to re-bid the project.

On April 30, 2007, the City of Westlake Village re-bid the project and opened five (5) bids. The bid results for the landscape portion of the work were as follows:

<b>Mycol, Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 68,244.00</b>
Cascade Sprinklers	\$ 68,846.00
Reliable Gardens, Inc.	\$ 71,875.00
KCI Environmental, Inc.	\$ 73,731.00
MG Enterprizes	\$ 100,000.00

Westlake Village staff reviewed the bid submittal of the apparent low bidder, Mycol, Inc., but found errors in their submittal. After consulting their City Attorney, the bid was deemed incomplete, and Mycol, Inc., was disqualified. The next lowest bid was from Cascade Sprinklers, and was deemed responsive and acceptable. In addition, the Westlake Village staff verified Cascade Sprinkler's references which indicated satisfactory performance with past work.

There were no bids submitted for the hardscape portion of the project. Therefore, the Westlake Village City Engineer requested a proposal from Nassau Masonry, which has performed numerous projects for the City of Westlake Village in the past with positive results. Nassau's proposal for the hardscape is \$29,078.

The estimated total cost of the project is now \$107,716, which includes a 10% contingency. This amount is higher than the landscape architect's original total cost estimate of \$60,000. The City of Agoura Hills' portion of this project would be approximately \$53,858, which is within our Citywide Beautification Project budget for this current fiscal year.

The Public Works Subcommittee has reviewed both bids, and is recommending approval. With Council approval, construction will commence in early July 2007, and be completed within eight weeks.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

For the Thousand Oaks Boulevard Median Beautification Project; NIB 06-04, staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. Authorize the award of construction contract by the City of Westlake Village to Cascade Sprinklers in the amount of \$68,846, and Nassau Masonry in the amount of \$29,077.75 to complete the respective scopes of work.

2. Authorize \$53,858 from the City's Beautification budget to fund half of the construction costs for the Thousand Oaks Boulevard Median Beautification Project, NIB 06-04.