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AGENDA: AUGUST 22, 2000

AUGUST 10, 2000

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
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**SUBJECT: 30TH, 32ND, AND 33RD AVENUE STORM DRAIN, SANITARY SEWER, AND
 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - DEFERRAL OF BID AWARD**

Members of the Board:

The Board of Supervisors received four bids for the subject project on May 23, 2000, which have been checked by the Department of Public Works and found to be in order. The low bid was submitted by Reber Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,472,506.42. The engineer's estimate was \$1,405,279.

Subsequent to the opening of the bids, staff was notified by the Coastal Commission that two appeals of the project's permit had been received. A public hearing to consider those appeals was originally set for the Coastal Commission's July, 2000 meeting, but was deferred until the August meeting because Commission staff was unable to prepare its report on time.

County staff has had two meetings with Commission staff to discuss the Commission's concerns about the project and staffs recommendation to the Commission. Those meetings resulted in significant revisions to the Commission staffs draft recommendations, as staff became aware of constraints and conflicting goals faced by the County. County staff is in the process of researching additional concerns expressed by Commission staff, and will have additional meetings as necessary to attempt to resolve any remaining issues prior to finalization of the Commission's staff report.

However, these meetings have caused an additional delay, and the appeals will not be heard until the Commission's September meeting. We have discussed this delay with the low bidder, and Reber Construction is anxious to build the project and is willing to wait until after the September meeting to proceed with the work.

Because the low bidder is willing to wait until after the Coastal Commission meeting, staff would recommend that the consideration of the award of contract be deferred until then. If the issues of the appeals are resolved and the Commission approves the permit, the bid could then be awarded and construction could proceed. If the appeals are not resolved at that time, and more time is necessary to gain the approval of the Coastal Commission, including any necessary plan revisions, the bids could then be rejected and the project can be bid again this winter for construction beginning in the spring of 2001.

If work proceeds on the project this fall, the underground portions of the project would be done first to minimize the possible impacts of wet weather. In addition, we would coordinate with the contractor to stop work during the rainy season as necessary to prevent inconvenience to the residents of the neighborhood.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Defer consideration of the bid award for the 30th, 32nd, and 33rd Avenue Storm Drain, Sanitary Sewer, and Sidewalk Improvement Project until after the September Coastal Commission meeting.
2. Direct the Public Works Department to report back to the Board on or before October 3, 2000 with a further recommendation.

Yours truly,




THOMAS L. BOLICH
Acting Director of Public Works

CDR:cdr

Attachment

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Redevelopment Department
Public Works Department
Reber Construction, Co., Inc.

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CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
Engineering Contractor

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July 10, 2000



Mr. Carl Kom
County of Santa Cruz
Redevelopment Department
701 Ocean Street, Room 510
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RE: 30th, 32nd, and 33rd Avenue Storm Drain, Sanitary Sewer, and Sidewalk Improvements - Deferral of Bid Award.

Thank you for your correspondence, dated June 26, 2000 concerning the latest circumstances, along with the Board of Supervisors recommendations, concerning the above captioned project.

At this time, our firm would like to reiterate the fact that we are willing to wait until the August and/or September Coastal Commission Meetings for what we trust will result in final permits and authorization to take this project forward.

We further hope that this project will not go to re-bid due to any changes by the Coastal Commission. We remain optimistic, that the changes, if any, will be few and could conceivably be considered "change of conditions" and be handled in the form of Change Orders.

It is very important to our firm to be formally awarded this project. It was our understanding by a phone conversation on May 24, 2000, with your office that the project was ours and time was of the essence. Consequently, we immediately secured a lot on Portola Ave., at a rate of \$500.00 per month as a staging area. Minor other expenses have also been incurred. At this time, we will consider these minor expenditures.

To accommodate the County of Santa Cruz, and the efficiency of a prompt beginning for this project, Reber Construction Co. continues to keep a light work load in order to reserve availability in our schedule for this project.

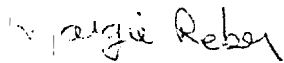
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We would appreciate additional information as it becomes available regarding this project, and the circumstances surrounding it. Our firm looks forward to working with the County of Santa Cruz on this project.

Sincerely,
REBER CONSTRUCTION


Margie O. Reber
Office Manager

cc: ✓ Mr. Phil Sousa, Department of Public Works
Mr. Mark Munekawa, Great American Insurance Company

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