

City of La Quinta

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: September 15, 2015

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: ACCEPT PERIMETER LANDSCAPING PROJECT COMPLETED ON CITY-OWNED LOTS LOCATED ON AVENUE 52 BETWEEN DESERT CLUB DRIVE AND AVENIDA NAVARRO

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the Perimeter Landscaping of City-Owned Lots on Avenue 52 Project as 100 percent complete; authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Office of the County Recorder; and authorize staff to release retention in the amount of \$5,200, thirty-five days after the Notice of Completion is recorded.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This project entailed installing desert landscaping and drip irrigation along the perimeter of three City-owned vacant lots on the north side of Avenue 52 between Desert Club Drive and Avenida Navarro.
- The work has been completed. Staff is requesting City Council acceptance of the improvements in order to complete the contract and allow final payment to the contractor.

FISCAL IMPACT

The following is the final accounting for this project:

Original Contract Amount	\$ 102,508
Contract Change Order No. 1	\$ 1,506
Final Contract Amount	\$ 104,014
Project Budget	\$ 313,000
Final Contract Amount	(\$ 104,014)
Projected Design, Professional, Technical, Personnel, Survey, Utility, Plans, and Other Misc. Construction Costs/Budgets	(\$ 77,337)
Funds Remaining	\$ 131,649

Adequate funding exists to close out this project. The estimated cost for ongoing maintenance is \$8,000 per year (which includes water, electricity and labor costs associated with all three lots as well as any needed stabilization work).

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In February 2015, City Council directed staff to advertise for construction bids to install desert landscaping on the three City-owned vacant parcels. While the project featured landscaping to match the median on the Avenue 52 frontage (“Desert Efficient” theme), the side streets and Calle Amigo parkways utilized a reduced plant palette, boulders, cobble, and decomposed granite to reduce water consumption and maintenance costs (“Desert Oasis” theme).

On April 7, 2015, City Council awarded a contract for \$102,508 to Golden Valley Construction. On May 20, 2015, a Notice to Proceed was issued with a 45 working day contract completion time starting June 1, 2015 and ending on August 3, 2015.

Contract Change Order No. 1 was issued for a 10 working-day time extension and costs for the substitution of decomposed granite in lieu of hydro-mulch in the inner areas of the vacant lots, as well as a contract quantity adjustment to reconcile the bid quantities with the actual quantities installed.

The project was deemed substantially complete on August 17, 2015. The project’s construction effort is now 100 percent complete and is in compliance with the plans and specifications. Staff therefore recommends acceptance of the project and release of the retention thirty-five days after the Notice of Completion is recorded.

ALTERNATIVES

Since the project has been constructed and reviewed for conformance to the plans and specifications, staff does not recommend any alternatives to the recommended action.

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