

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keil
City Council Members
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Joe Ramos, City Engineer

Date: January 15, 2016

RE: Sidewalk Improvement Project
Award of Bid #TF-2016-03

The Sidewalk Improvement Project is designed to replace non-compliant sidewalk within the downtown area on South Austin and West Nolte Streets and fill in the sidewalks "gaps" on East Court Street between San Marcos Street and King Street.

On October 27, 2015, a bid opening was held for these improvements. A total of eight (8) bids were received, ranging from a low bid of \$103,816.00, from Battery Warehouse to a high bid of \$220,752.70, from Austin Constructors (see bid tabulation).

Unfortunately, Staff has received either neutral, unfavorable or non-commenting testimonies regarding Battery Warehouse during the reference checks' of past project performance (as listed in their bid submittal). In addition, Battery Warehouse listed no previous experience in constructing sidewalks in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

Therefore, Staff is recommending the bid be awarded to the second low bidder, Myers Construction of Wimberley, Texas, in the amount of \$118,918.23. All reference checks of past project performance was favorable. In addition, Myers Construction has previously constructed the ADA sidewalks in the downtown historic district as part of the 2011 Texas Capital Fund Project awarded to Main Street.

Funding for the project will come from the FY2016 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$40,630, which was designated for the project after engineering, and \$30,000 that had previously been designated for Bus Stop Pads (this project has been placed on hold pending better ridership information from AACOG). In addition, SEDC is funding \$50,000 towards the project from its Downtown Infrastructure budget.

Cc: Rick Cortes
Nate Garza
John Donnelly
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