



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

Item No. _____

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Rejection of All Construction Bids for the Citywide Wayfinding Vehicular Directional Signs Project

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Reject all construction bids received on February 21, 2019 for the Citywide Wayfinding Vehicular Directional Signs Project.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Commerce has earmarked a project for citywide wayfinding and brand imaging so as to implement a functional and integrated system that communicates and markets the Commerce brand and guides visitors to easily find their way to intended locations as well as promote the discovery of the City's many points of interest.

The Citywide Way-finding Vehicular Directional Signs project consists of forty-six (46) total wayfinding vehicular directional signs to be installed at gateways, major intersections and major roadways. A palette of these signs and locations is shown in *Attachment 1*.

Staff had assembled a comprehensive bid package in order for it to be bid publicly in compliance with the California Public Contracting Code.

ANALYSIS:

On November 20, 2018, during its regularly scheduled meeting, the City Council approved the contract documents for the Citywide Wayfinding Vehicular Directional Signs Project and authorized staff to advertise for bids.

Staff advertised the project and issued the Notice Inviting Bids with the public bid opening scheduled for February 21, 2019.

During the public bid opening, two (2) bidders submitted their sealed bids for this project, and the City Clerk announced the bid amounts as follows (*see Attachments 2 and 3*):

1. *Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc.* → **\$229,420**
2. *CEN-PAC Engineering, Inc.* → **\$337,620**

Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc. is the lower responsible bidder based on its bid of \$229,420.

However, Alfaro Communications' bid of \$229,420 exceeds the project's intended construction budget. Rather than requesting an additional budget allocation, Staff has deemed that a modification of the project scope will attract more bidders than just two, which will benefit the City in soliciting more bids, and thereby attract more competitive pricing.

Therefore, Staff recommends that the City Council reject all construction bids for the Citywide Wayfinding Vehicular Directional Signs Project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact. Request is being made to reject all construction bids for this project.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item relates to the City Council's specific 2016 Strategic Action Plan goal to "develop and implement a sustainable CIP Program to ensure the quality of existing infrastructure and support future plans for the City and develop and invest in infrastructure and beautification projects that support economic growth."

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
 1. Wayfinding Sign & Location Palette
 2. Alfaro Communications Construction's bid proposal
 3. CEN-PAC Engineering's bid proposal

Approved by: Maryam Babaki, P.E., Public Works & Development Services Director

Fiscal Impact reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Director of Finance

Approved as to form by: Noel Tapia, City Attorney

Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Administrator