



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of June 14, 2016
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of June 21, 2016

DATE: June 7, 2016

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Execute Engineering Design Contract

SeaTown (aka S.E.A. District) Pedestrian Improvements (Bond 2012) – Proposition 8

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute an Engineering Design Contract with LJA Engineering, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas in the amount of \$157,806.71 for the SeaTown (aka S.E.A. District) Pedestrian Improvements project for engineering design services. (Bond 2012, Proposition 8).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to execute an Engineering Design Contract with LJA Engineering, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas for the SeaTown (aka S.E.A. District) Pedestrian Improvements project.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

This project is part of Bond 2012 Proposition 8 – Economic Development Projects, which maximizes potential transit and safety along the corridor connecting the American Bank Center, Corpus Christi Science and History Museum, the Harbor Playhouse, Asian Cultures Museum, the Ortiz Center, Whataburger Field, Hurricane Ally, and Brewster Street Ice House.

BOND 2012 BROCHURE LANGUAGE:

“SeaTown (aka S.E.A. District) Pedestrian Improvements - This project is the first phase in implementing recommendations from the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities' Walkability Audit, conducted in May 2012. It includes improvements for Port Avenue, Mesquite Street, Brewster Street and Chaparral Street to create walkability in this area.”

This project is the first phase of implementing recommendations from the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities' Walkability Audit conducted by the City of Corpus Christi in May 2012. This Walkability Audit included improvements for Port Avenue, Mesquite Street, Brewster Street and Chaparral Street to create favorable walking conditions in the SEA District.

This project also addresses elements of the joint City/Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Pedestrian-Transit Master Plan prepared in November 2013 that provides for maximizing resources and funding. The MPO contribution from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is \$1,200,000 (construction only) and the 2012 Bond contribution is \$500,000.

The preliminary engineering design completed an inventory of existing streets and surrounding areas with anticipated future use. The project components identified were sidewalks, driveways, curbs, ADA-compliant ramps, crosswalks and stop bars, planting strips, and bus stop infrastructure. The first phase of implementation includes Chaparral Street from Brewster Street to Harbor Drive and Brewster Street from Chaparral Street to Tanchua Street due to the heavy traffic in the area and lack of sidewalks along both sides of the streets.

This contract includes the design of the improvements listed above as well as, surveying, public meetings, landscape design, preparation of record drawings, permitting and construction phase assistance.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Execute the Engineering Design Contract with LJA Engineering, Inc. as proposed. (Recommended).
2. Do not execute the Engineering Design Contract with LJA Engineering, Inc. as proposed. (Not Recommended).

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

LJA Engineering, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas was selected for this project as a result of RFQ No. 2012-03 Bond Issue 2012 and CIP Projects, dated August 31, 2012.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The Contract for Professional Services and selection process comply with the Professional Procurement Act and City Policy. LJA Engineering, Inc. was selected based upon qualifications, wide working knowledge of applicable project fundamentals, and understanding of project requirements.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Not applicable

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Streets

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year 2015-2016	Project to Date Budget and Expenditures	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget	\$640,000.00			\$640,000.00
TxDOT (Construction Only)			1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00
Total Line Item Budget				1,840,000.00
Encumbered/Expended	88,900.00			88,900.00

Amount				
This item		\$157,806.71		\$157,806.71
Future Anticipated Expenditures This Project			1,529,370.00	1,529,370.00
BALANCE	\$551,100.00	(\$157,806.71)	(329,370.00)	\$63,923.29

Fund(s) Bond 2012 Street Fund 3549

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends the approval of the Engineering Design Contracts with LJA Engineering, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas for the SeaTown (aka S.E.A. District) Pedestrian Improvements project for engineering design services.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Project Budget
- Location Map
- Presentation
- Form 1295
- Contract