



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering & Public Works
Prepared by: Ricardo Rodriguez, Assistant Engineer-Civil
Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Approved by: Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Project Close-Out and Notice of Completion for the P-1 Sewer Upsize Project - Phase II, CIP No. 20-01.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Accepting the Work Performed by Ortiz Corporation for the P-1 Sewer Upsize Project - Phase II, CIP 20-01; 2) Approving the Final Contract Amount of \$1,478,225.71; 3) Ratifying the Release of Retention in the Amount of \$73,911.30; and 4) Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Notice of Completion.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

The scope of the P-1 Sewer Upsize Project - Phase II consisted of replacing approximately 600 linear feet of existing 8-inch sewer main with new 12-inch sewer main and approximately 400 linear feet with new 14-inch pipe. The area adjacent to the old land fill site (locally known historically as the "Duck Pond") and also a portion of the pipe alignment within developed private property required trenchless installation using jack and bore construction. The existing 8-inch clay pipe, which was identified as undersized in the City's Sewer Master Plan, had reached the end of its useful life and therefore, needed to be replaced.

On July 20, 2022, the bid solicitation was posted on PlanetBids, a free public electronic bidding system for contractors. On July 25, 2022, and July 27, 2022, the bid solicitation was advertised in local newspapers.

On August 18, 2022, five (5) bids were received by the 2:00 p.m. deadline. Ortiz Corporation was the apparent lowest bidder with a total bid amount of \$1,631,274.64. Upon review of all documents submitted, Ortiz's bid was deemed responsive and they are the lowest responsible bidder qualified to perform the work as described in the project specifications.

On October 18, 2022, per Resolution No. 2022-162 (Exhibit A), City Council awarded the contract to Ortiz Corp. in the amount not to exceed \$1,631,274.64 and authorized a 15% contingency in the amount of \$244,691 to address any unforeseen conditions that may arise.

The Notice to Proceed with construction was issued on March 14, 2023. Construction started on March 20, 2023 and was completed on January 11, 2024.

The change orders issued for this project are detailed in the Final Contract Balance Report (Exhibit B). The change orders and line-item adjustments made due to differing field conditions and an efficient construction process reduced the contract by \$153,048.93. This resulted in a 9.4% decrease from the contract award amount, for a final contract balance of \$1,478,225.71.

As a result of satisfactory completion of the project, staff recommends that City Council, 1) accept the work performed by Ortiz Corporation for the P-1 Sewer Upsize Project - Phase II, CIP 20-01; 2) approve the final contract balance of \$1,478,225.71; 3) ratify the release of retention in the amount of \$73,911.30; and 4) authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Completion, which will be filed with the San Diego County Recorder's Office.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The total authorized amount for this project, including contingency, was \$1,875,965.64. As the final cost of the project was \$1,478,225.71, the remaining authorized amount of \$397,740.93 will be released back to the Sewer Fund balance.

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Transportation Choices and Infrastructure

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Notice of Exemption under Class 2 Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines was filed with the County Recorder's Office on February 3, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted within 72 hours of the meeting date and time in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Project Location Map
Exhibit B – Contract Award Resolution
Exhibit C – Final Contract Balance
Exhibit D – Notice of Completion
Exhibit E – Resolution