

Agenda Item B.6 CONSENT CALENDAR Meeting Date: August 19, 2008

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Steve Wagner, Community Services Director

**CONTACT:** Marti Schultz, Principal Civil Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Construction Contract for Armitos Avenue Water Main Extension

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

A. Authorize the City Manager to execute a construction contract for the Armitos Avenue Water Main Extension project to Lash Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$20,339 subject to the requirements of the contract documents.

B. Authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders as necessary in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On April 1, 2008, Council awarded the contract for construction of the Armitos Park Project to Shaw Excavating and Grading, Inc., in the amount of \$117,381. Shortly after award of the contract, City staff was informed by the Goleta Water District (GWD) that extensive improvements to the existing water main are necessary to service the new park.

The GWD originally stated that the City would have to extend the water main approximately 230 feet to the east end of the park property. Since the project was designed with the water meter and irrigation equipment at the westerly end of the project site, this was not anticipated as a project cost or construction need.

Further discussions with GWD determined that the City would only be required to extend the water main approximately 110 feet. This concession of the Goleta Water District requires the City to provide a letter agreement that in the future they would participate in the cost of the main extension for the remaining approximate 120 feet. The City would be obligated to provide their fair share of the costs of a main extension for the portion fronting the park parcel to the end of

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the improved street if the system were to be looped to provide for better water service.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The City put out an informal bid on July 21, 2008 for the construction of a 110 foot water main extension. The City received 3 bids as shown in the table below:

Contractor	Office Location	Bid Amount
Lash Construction, Inc.	Santa Barbara	\$20,339
Tierra Contracting, Inc.	Goleta	\$22,160
Shaw Excavating & Grading, Inc.	Carpinteria	\$32,430

The low bidder is Lash Construction, Inc. (Lash). They are a local firm that the City has worked with in the past and which has performed projects with good results on time and in budget. Staff recommends that the contract be awarded to Lash.

### **GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The construction of Armitos Avenue Water Main Extension is consistent with the goal in the Goleta Strategic Plan entitled "Prioritize Maintenance of City Streets, Parks & Facilities". Specifically, this project meets Objective "Maintain Parks & Open Space" and moves the City closer towards realizing its vision as defined within the City's Strategic Plan.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Council may elect to reject all bids and direct staff to re-bid the project. However, doing so would result in a delay in the project and might result in increased project costs.

#### **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

The FY 2007/2008 budget for the Armitos Project includes a \$177,500 allocation in Prop. 40 (State Park) funds, plus carryovers in the amount of \$111,466, for a total project budget amount of \$288,477. Of that budget amount, \$246,324 is remaining for construction of Armitos Park.

The total construction cost including change order contingency for the project based on the bid submitted by Lash is \$25,339 as shown in the following table:

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ARMITOS PARK DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION					
	Fund and Acct. Number	Construction Contract	Change Order	Total	
Park Construction	Prop. 40 State Park 301-5-9012-705	\$108,502*	\$8,551*	\$117,053*	
Water Main Extension	Prop. 40 State Park 301-5-9012-705	\$20,339	\$5,000	\$25,339	
		\$128,841.00	\$13,551	\$142,392	

<sup>\*</sup>Actual Costs of previously awarded construction contract to Shaw Excavating & Grading, Inc.

In addition to the water main extension construction contract, other park amenities still need to be furnished, such as safety surface, playground equipment, and a water meter for landscape irrigation. Below is a table listing items to be completed outside of the construction contract and their estimated cost:

ITEM	AMOUNT
Construction Inspection	\$3,000*
Final Plans and for GWD	\$7,500*
Temporary Water Costs	\$5,000*
Water Meter (GWD charges)	\$27,252*
Certification of Play Equipment	\$1,500*
Play Equipment	\$19,791
Safety Surface	\$18,726
Equipment Storage Bin	\$800*
Park Sign	\$3,000*
Mutt Mitts	\$2,400*
TOTAL:	\$88,969*

<sup>\*</sup>estimated cost

The construction contract amount and the additional items listed above is approximately \$231,361 which is within the approved FY 2007/2008 budget of \$246,324.

Submitted By:	Reviewed by:	Approved By:	
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Community Services Director	Administrative Services Director	City Manager	