



CITY of CALABASAS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 3, 2022

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR
THE OLD TOWN CALABASAS SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT,
SPECIFICATION NO. 21-22-01, TO GMZ ENGINEERING INC. IN THE
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,224,208.75**

**MEETING
DATE: JANUARY 12, 2022**

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council award the construction contract for the Old Town Calabasas Sidewalk Replacement Project, Specification No. 21-22-01, to GMZ Engineering Inc. for the maximum guaranteed price in the amount of \$3,224,208.75. The maximum guaranteed price includes the original bid amount of \$3,070,675.00 and a 5% additional allowance for different site conditions.

Staff further recommends appropriations of \$120,000.00 to cover costs associated with material testing and special inspections for this project.

BACKGROUND:

Old Town Calabasas, the primary retail shopping area in the City, brings a taste of the old west to modern Calabasas living. Old Town features the historic Leonis Adobe and Museum and a fine selection of shops and restaurants, all within walking distance of the Calabasas Civic Center.

In 1994, City Council adopted the Old Town Calabasas Master Plan and Design Guidelines in order to maintain the historical and cultural values of the City's "downtown", with an intent to maintain a general theme of the "Old West". The guidelines are to be followed and incorporated into future building designs and other construction projects in the area.

Shortly prior to the establishment of the master plan and design guidelines, the City installed boardwalk style sidewalks along Calabasas Road using a type of all-weather polymer slats or decking (the trade name for the product is "Trex"). Also installed were a number of hitching posts, bollards, electrical receptacles (to accommodate temporary strands of decorative lighting), trash cans, landscaping, and street lights. Unfortunately, after close to 30 years, these improvements have reached the end of their useful life, requiring continual maintenance and repair; the sidewalks, in particular, now present an unacceptable liability risk for the City.

The new design for the Old Town Calabasas Sidewalk Replacement project has been completed in accordance with Old Town Calabasas Master Plan and Design Guidelines and by the Fuscoe Engineering Inc. on October 20th, 2021.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The project was advertised for bidding on November 5, 2021, with Bid Opening scheduled for November 30, 2021. Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting was held on November 19, 2021, where all bid holders participated. The Bid Opening for this project was conducted through Zoom Teleconference, due the posed restrictions in an attempt to prevent spread of Covid-19. One bid was submitted for this project and received by the City Clerk's Department on November 30, 2021.

The bid from GMZ Engineering Inc. (GMZ) was evaluated by the City's staff based on the bid amount and bidder's background in constructing similar projects. Staff compared cost of services and products for all the vendors listed in the Bid Packet submitted by the GMZ Engineering Inc. (GMZ) with the typical cost of similar services and products offered in the Southern California region. Furthermore, staff contacted multiple municipalities listed as reference for which GMZ completed projects of similar scope.

GMZ Engineering, Inc. has been licensed for over twenty-five years. Its classifications include: general engineering contractor; general building contractor; electrical contractor and other classifications.

Since GMZ Engineering Inc. was the only bid received on November 30, 2021, staff negotiated to establish Guaranteed Maximum Price on the amount of bid proposed by GMZ. After evaluation, GMZ agreed to construct the project per Plans, Standard

Specifications, Project Specifications and per city's satisfactory for the original bid amount of \$3,070,675.00 and an additional 5% for unknown elements and site conditions, resulting in total amount of \$3,224,208.75. Refer to attachment D for an exhibit of the agreement signed by GMZ on Guaranteed Maximum Price.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The Old Town Calabasas Sidewalk Replacement Project is funded by ad valorem funds. The funds in the amount of \$3,334,208.75 to cover construction, material testing and special inspections costs should be appropriated to the Capital Improvements Project account. The budget should be modified and adjusted accordingly.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends that City Council award the construction contract for the Old Town Calabasas Sidewalk Replacement Project, Specification No. 21-22-01 to GMZ Engineering Inc. for the maximum guaranteed price in the amount of \$3,224,208.75. The maximum guaranteed price includes the original bid amount of \$3,070,675.00 and a 5% additional allowance for different site conditions.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – Bid Results
- Attachment B – Articles of Agreement with GMZ Engineering Inc.
- Attachment C – GMZ Engineering Inc. Bid Submittal
- Attachment D – GMZ Engineering Inc. Bid Confirmation and Maximum Guaranteed Price Letter