

February 3, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
February 10, 2004

CITY HALL HANDRAIL PROJECT – REJECT BID

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Reject the only bid received for the City Hall Handrail Project No. 007-04; and
2. Authorize Staff to re-advertise for bids;

Summary:

On October 28, 2003, staff received Council authorization to solicit bids for the replacement of all exterior handrails at the City Hall, Police Department, and Library buildings. Plans and specifications were prepared and requests for bid notices were sent to five qualified contractors in addition to being advertised in the “Easy Reader,” the “FW Dodge Greensheet” and on the City’s website. On Wednesday, January 7, 2004, a mandatory pre-bid meeting, including a site inspection, was held, which five prospective bidders attended. On Thursday, January 22, 2004, the City Clerk received the following bid. The bid was publicly opened and read aloud. The bid result was as follows:

Firm Name	City	Bid Amount
Cranveyor Corporation	South El Monte	\$29,840.00

Because we only received one bid, staff recommends that the Council reject the bid and re-bid the project.

The plans and specifications called for the installation of a “sole source” aluminum handrail as provided by Craneveyor Corporation. The bidders were to furnish this product and competitively bid the installation work. Because of the previous dissatisfaction with the existing handrail, staff was hesitant to allow an “approved equal” substitution. The Craneveyor handrail is the one used by the County on all of their beaches and it has demonstrated its long-term durability in a marine environment. Staff received complaints from other potential bidders stating that this gave Craneveyor an unfair advantage. Staff now recommends that this project be re-bid using the Craneveyor specifications but allowing the substitution of an “approved equal” with the requirement that the alternate manufacturer provide an example of their railing which has existed in a marine environment for over 20 years.

Fiscal Impact:

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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