



## **STAFF REPORT**

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### **Resolution Rejecting All Bids for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Ralston Avenue Pipe Bursting and Pipelining, City Contract Number 462**

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

#### **Summary**

The City Council is requested to reject the bids received for City Contract Number 462, the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Ralston Avenue Pipe Bursting and Pipelining project. The lowest bid received exceeds the amount approved for contract award by nearly 21 percent and also exceeds the available project funding.

#### **Background and Discussion**

On July 27, 2004, the City Council approved advertising and awarding City Contract Number 462 for an amount up to the engineer's estimate of \$169,444. Eight contractors requested bid packages, but only Andes Construction, Inc. and K.J. Woods Construction, Inc. submitted bids for the amounts of \$205,326.00 and \$288,000.00, respectively. Public Works staff has evaluated the bid results to determine why there was not more competition for the contract and why the unit prices were significantly higher than anticipated. The primary reason for the lack of competition was that the project was located on very steep terrain with the depth of manholes varying from 10 feet to 30 feet. Accessing these locations requires shoring and Cal OSHA permits. In addition, high flows in the sewer line require by-pass pumping with 3 pumps and tank trucking of the sewage flow to the pump station. These existing conditions discouraged prospective contractors from bidding on this project. Staff was aware of these issues when designing the project but believed it was important to complete repairs on this critical trunk line if practicable. The limited bidding response demonstrated the difficulty of the project.

Staff will redesign the project this winter and will request Council approval to advertise for construction bids in Spring 2005. Staff has concluded that the City will be better served by abandoning the existing deep sewer line and constructing a new sewer in an accessible alignment along Lyall Way. The redesigned sewer line along Lyall Way will save the City money in the

long run by increasing the accessibility of the line and eliminating access through deep manholes.

City Staff has prepared a contingency plan for by-passing these segments of pipes in case the pipes collapse during the winter storms.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact from rejecting the bid.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Council reject all bids received for City Contract Number 462.

**Alternatives**

1. Refer back to staff for further information
2. Deny the request.

**Attachments**

1. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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Interim City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**CITY OF BELMONT  
San Mateo County California**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT REJECTING  
ALL BIDS FOR THE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION RALSTON AVENUE  
PIPE BURSTING AND PIPELINING, CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 462**

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2004, the City Council of the City of Belmont approved advertisement of City Contract Number 462 for pipe bursting and pipelining of the sanitary sewer on Ralston Avenue, and approved award of a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$169,444; and,

WHEREAS, the City Clerk received two bids for the amounts of \$205,326.00 and \$288,000.00 respectively for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, Staff will redesign the project this winter and will request Council approval to advertise for construction bids in Spring 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Staff will develop a contingency plan for by-pass pumping this winter in the event the pipe will collapse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The City Council rejects all bids received for City Contract Number 462.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on September 14, 2004.

AYES, COUNCILMEMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

NOES, COUNCILMEMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

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Mayor of the City of Belmont