



STAFF REPORT

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS, APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$248,445, AND AUTHORIZING THE RDA INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 468

Honorable Chair and Board Members:

Summary

Staff requests Redevelopment Agency approval for the Redevelopment Agency sidewalk improvement plans and specifications and also request authorization to advertise this project for bid. Project location is on Ralston Avenue between El Camino Real and Sixth Avenue and on Sixth Avenue from 230 feet north of Ralston to Elmer Street. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$248,445.

Background

Throughout Belmont's redevelopment and downtown area, businesses and residences have a combination of concrete, bomanite (red stained and stamped concrete), or brick paver sidewalks. Occasionally the sidewalk uplifts, subsides, or cracks, creating a tripping hazard. While sidewalk maintenance is generally the adjacent property owner's responsibility, the Council directed staff to do repairs to the sidewalk in the downtown area.

The Redevelopment Agency allocated \$250,000 for miscellaneous street improvement and sidewalk repairs in the Redevelopment Area in the FY 2006 budget.

Discussion

In May 2005, City staff presented to the Planning Commission a proposed plan for sidewalk repair, including plans for street tree replacement. The targeted location for sidewalk repair and street tree replacement was Ralston Avenue between El Camino Real and Sixth Avenue and on Sixth Avenue from 230 feet north of Ralston Avenue to Elmer Street. Throughout this area, the concrete and bomanite sidewalk has failed due to subsidence of the underlying base material or uplifted due to aggressive street tree roots.

Staff's landscape consultant reviewed the site conditions and designed improvements based on

guidelines from the Downtown Specific Plan. All of the concrete and bomanite sidewalk within the project limits will be replaced with red brick pavers to complete the ‘look’ in front of the Walgreen’s parking lot and the Emmett house. See attachment for amenities.

The consultant also included street tree replacement and new irrigation. Thirteen existing trees will be removed in the project limits and twenty-six trees will be planted in their place. Fourteen evergreen trees (Laurina ‘Elegant’) will be planted along Ralston Avenue and twelve deciduous trees (Ginkgo Biloba) will be planted along Sixth Avenue. The evergreen trees will reach a height of nineteen feet in fifteen years, and thirty-eight feet in thirty years creating a canopy over Ralston Avenue. Similarly, the deciduous trees will reach a height of twenty feet in fifteen years, and thirty-five feet in thirty years. See attachment for street trees.

The consultant has completed the design, incorporating the suggestions from the Planning Commission, and has prepared plans and specification ready for bidding. The proposed bid opening date is May 25, 2006. If a contract can be awarded, construction should start in July and be completed by late October, depending on the weather.

General Plan/Vision Statement

Project follows the Belmont Downtown Specific Plan.

Fiscal Impact

The engineer’s estimated cost for City Contract Number 468 is \$248,445. Funding will be obtained from the Capital Improvement Program FY 2005/06 project account 351-4610-9534-9030. This budget is funded from the Redevelopment Agency bond proceeds.

Public Contact

Posting of City Council agenda.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Redevelopment Agency approve City Contract Number 468 – Redevelopment Agency Sidewalk Improvements contract plans and specifications. It is further recommended that the Redevelopment Agency authorize advertising for sealed bids from qualified contractors and approve award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$248,445. Assuming acceptable bids are received, it is recommended that the Redevelopment Agency authorize the RDA Interim Executive Director to execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Materials & Planting

Respectfully submitted,

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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS, APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$248,445, AND AUTHORIZING THE RDA INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 468

WHEREAS, the City desires to repair and replace downtown sidewalks and street trees to remove tripping hazards; and,

WHEREAS, Belmont’s redevelopment and downtown area have a combination of concrete, bomanite, or brick paver sidewalks; and,

WHEREAS, occasionally the sidewalk uplifts, subsides, or cracks, creating a tripping hazard; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared plans and specifications to replace sidewalk and street trees at an engineer’s estimate of \$248,445; and,

WHEREAS, the location for sidewalk repair and street tree replacement was Ralston Avenue between El Camino Real and Sixth Avenue and on Sixth Avenue from 230 feet north of Ralston Avenue to Elmer Street; and,

WHEREAS, the project conforms to the Belmont Downtown Specific Plan; and,

WHEREAS, in May 2005 staff presented to the Planning Commission a proposed plan for sidewalk repair, including street tree replacement; and,

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency allocated \$250,000 for miscellaneous street improvement and sidewalk repairs in the Redevelopment Area in the FY 2005/06 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Belmont:

1. Approves City Contract Number 468 plans and specifications.
2. Authorizes advertisement for sealed bids for this work.
3. Approves award of contract to the lowest responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$248,445.
4. Authorizes the RDA Interim Executive Director to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder.
5. Funding shall be from the FY 2005/06 budget, project account 351-4610-9534-9030.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on May 9, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES, DIRECTORS: _____

NOES, DIRECTORS: _____

ABSTAIN, DIRECTORS: _____

ABSENT, DIRECTORS: _____

Secretary, Redevelopment Agency

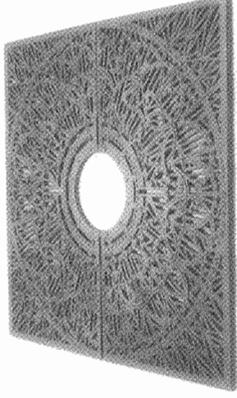
APPROVED:

Chair, Redevelopment Agency

AMENITIES



INTERLOCKING PAVING STONES
Holland type B-2 color by Interlocking Paving Stones



TREE GRATES
"OT, Title 24" by Urban Accessories

STREET TREES

EVERGREEN STREET TREES
RALSTON AVENUE



Laurina
Tristaniaopsis laurina 'Elegant'

DECIDUOUS STREET TREES
6TH AVENUE



Maidenhair Tree
Ginkgo biloba
'Princeton Sentry'