



**DATE:** May 21, 2019

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Fire Stations 2-5 Landscape Improvements: Approval of Plans and Specifications (Project Nos. 07476, 07477, 07478, and 07480) and Call for Bids

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council adopts the attached resolution (Attachment II) approving the plans and specifications for the Fire Stations 2-5 Landscape Improvements, and calls for bids.

### **SUMMARY**

The Fire Stations 1-5 Improvements Project is near final completion pending contractor completion of punch list items anticipated to be done by the end of May 2019. The landscape design and construction for Fire Stations 2-5 were not included as part of the original Fire Stations 1-5 Improvements Project. Staff has prepared landscape construction documents for Fire Stations 2-5 based on the design completed by Mary Weber Landscape Architect and seeks Council approval of the plans and specifications and call for bids.

### **BACKGROUND**

On June 3, 2014, voters approved Measure C, which authorized the City of Hayward to increase the sales tax rate in the City by one-half cent for twenty years to restore and maintain City services and facilities, including firefighting/emergency medical services, improving police services to neighborhoods, replacing the aging library with a 21st century facility, repairing potholes and streets, updating aging neighborhood fire stations, and other City services. Based on the facility needs assessment report completed on October 10, 2014 by RossDrulisCusenbery (RDC) for Fire Stations 1-6 and the Fire Training Center, substantial upgrades were needed in these aging facilities. Fire Stations 1-5 required renovation, and are treated as separate from Fire Station 6 and the Fire Training Center since the latter facilities will be reconstructed and expanded.

On December 13, 2016, Council approved the plans and specifications for the Fire Stations 1-5 Improvements Project. Council subsequently awarded the construction contract to Arntz Builder, Inc., on March 21, 2017. Each fire station reached substantial completion when the contractor completed the improvement work and fire personnel occupied each station on the following dates:

- Fire Station 1 – December 11, 2017
- Fire Station 2 – November 17, 2017
- Fire Station 3 - February 2, 2018
- Fire Station 4 – June 29, 2018
- Fire Station 5 – July 26, 2018

The project reached substantial completion on July 30, 2018. The project has not reached final completion due to incomplete punch list items to be addressed by the contractor and is anticipated to be done by the end of May 2019.

## **DISCUSSION**

During the design phase of Fire Station 1-5, the landscape design was excluded from the scope of work and was to be designed and constructed under owner furnished-owner installed items. The City entered into an agreement with Mary Weber Landscape Architect to provide landscape architectural services for landscape plans, construction documents, and construction administration for Fire Stations 2-5. Fire Station 1 is a newer station and did not require landscape work. The existing landscape at Fire Stations 2-5 mostly consists of lawns, some plants, and trees. The new landscape design will remove the lawns and plants and replace them with Bay-Friendly Landscaping techniques to use native and climate appropriate plants and trees. The design also includes water efficient irrigation systems.

Previously, Mary Weber completed the landscape design for Fire Station 3 and cost estimates received from multiple landscape contractors were higher than expected. Rather than receiving individual proposals for each fire station, this project combines the landscaping for Fire Stations 2-5 into one formal bid proposal. Combining the stations will likely result in overall savings.

This project is categorically exempt under Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines for the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing facilities.

## **FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT**

The estimated costs for Fire Station 2-5 landscape are as follows:

Construction Contract	\$160,000
Construction Contingency (ACO)	\$ 16,000
Construction Administration	\$ 32,000
Permit Fees, Inspection & Testing	<u>\$ 32,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>

The Adopted FY 2019 CIP includes a total of \$10,830,000 for the design and construction of the Fire Stations 1-5 projects in the Measure C Fund. These funds are sufficient to cover the estimated cost for the landscape project for Fire Stations 2-5.

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

This agenda item supports the Complete Communities Strategic Initiative. The purpose of the Complete Communities initiative is to create and support structures, services, and amenities to provide inclusive and equitable access with the goal of becoming a thriving and promising place to live, work, and play for all. This agenda item supports the following goal and objectives:

Goal 1: Improve quality of life for residents, business owners, and community members in all Hayward neighborhoods.

Objective 1: Increase neighborhood safety and cohesion.

Objective 2: Foster a sense of place and support neighborhood pride.

## SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

1. Water:

The project will remove the lawns and plants and replace them with drought tolerant plants and provide efficient irrigation systems to reduce water usage.

2. Environment:

This project has implemented Bay-Friendly Landscaping techniques to use native and climate appropriate plants.

## PUBLIC CONTACT

There has been no public contact related to this item.

## NEXT STEPS

Open Bids	June 18, 2019
Award Contract	July 16, 2019
Begin Work	August 12, 2019
Complete Work	November 6, 2019

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