

## **Public Services Department**

## Memorandum

**Date:** November 12, 2019

**To:** Jay Jackus, Procurement Services Director

**From**: Paul Smith, Public Services Director

**Subject**: Cycadia Cemetery East Expansion, Phase I: Recommendation for Award to Augustine

Construction, Inc.

## Recommendation

It is recommended to award the construction of the Cycadia Cemetery East Expansion, Phase I to low bidder Augustine Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,115,133.30. This amount includes Bid Alternates #1, #2, and #3 and an \$80,000 contingency.

## **Background**

The City purchased a 2.55 acre site from Mr. Haftel in 2017 for expansion of the cemetery. The parcel is located adjacent to the cemetery, on the northeast corner of Jasmine Avenue and Tarpon Avenue. The City has performed extensive due diligence, research with industry professionals, review of other area cemeteries, and received input from the Board, staff, and the public to develop a practical design that best meets the needs of our community.

The project is designed as two phases of construction. Phase I includes the site work, paving, sidewalks, utilities, landscaping and irrigation, stormwater management, decorative fencing, 813 in ground plots and associated lot corner markers, and a Committal Shelter for services. Phase II is a future phase that includes construction of a new mausoleum on a reserved portion of the site.

To provide additional options for the work to be included in construction, several bid alternates were included in the bid:

Alternate 1 – flagpoles and lighting

Alternate 2 – install water service across Jasmine Ave

Alternate 3 - 26' x 30' Committal Shelter Alternate 4 - 25' x 40' Committal Shelter

Alternate 5 – substitute Bahia sod for St. Augustine sod

The pricing is reasonable and within expectations for Alternates 1, 2, and 3. Also the slightly smaller Committal Shelter of Alternate 3 versus Alternate 4 will serve our needs while minimizing costs. Therefore, including bid alternates 1 through 3 is recommended for a total cost of \$1,115,133.30. This total includes a contingency of \$80,000 that was included in the bid. Augustine Construction, Inc. is the low bidder and a local contractor with which we have a successful past working relationship.

The project will be funded by the Cemetery Perpetual Care fund that is designated and adequately funded for such cemetery purposes.