



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

November 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to execute an Engineering Design Contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. consulting engineers for the design of Ash Lane from Aransas Drive to Main Street.

SUBMITTED BY: Robert M. Barker, City Engineer

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an Engineering Design Contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. consulting engineers for the design of Ash Lane from Aransas Drive to Main Street. The contract amount is not to exceed \$132,200.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve the request – *simple majority*
- Deny the request – *simple majority*
- Table the request – *simple majority*

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

This portion of Ash Lane from Aransas Drive to Main Street is the only portion not constructed to the City's standard curb and gutter street section. The design will include the removal of the existing two lane roadway section, to be replaced with a curb and gutter section with sidewalks on both sides of the street, and underground drainage systems.

The requested engineering design contract will provide not only the necessary design plans, but also, the bid documents to be used in securing competitive bids for the construction of the street improvements. When bids have been received, a request to award a construction contract will be placed on a Council Agenda for consideration of approval.

Public Works Engineering followed the requirements of the Professional Services Procurement Act in the selection of Freese and Nichols, Inc. A panel comprised of Public Works staff evaluated qualifications of engineering firms, and Freese and Nichols, Inc. was selected based on their qualifications and experience. Equitable design and special service fees were then negotiated.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Revenue Sources:

Expenditure Accounts: 305-8006-531-3302 Project PS 1003

Budgeted Expenditure: \$230,000

Estimated Expenditure: \$132,200

Over/Under Projection By: (\$97,800)

Other Comments:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Letter: Freese and Nichols, Inc.

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office