



City of Benbrook

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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At the December 19, 2019 work-session, City Council agreed to seek competitive bids for a high-quality cedar wood fence directly abutting the existing masonry wall on Benbrook Boulevard between Amory Drive and Overcrest Drive (a.k.a. the Westpark Wall, Figure 1). Subsequently, affected property owners were notified and the project was posted for bid. The bids were opened on March 13, 2020. Gladiator Fence submitted the low bid of \$225,105. The bids were higher than anticipated and reflected the then booming (pre COVID-19) economy.

On the day of the bid opening, events escalated with the COVID-19 pandemic. President Donald Trump, Governor Greg Abbott, and County Judge Glen Whitley issued Declarations of Disaster for the United States, the State of Texas and the Tarrant County, respectively.

Due to the potential economic impact of COVID-19 and the higher than anticipated bids, staff rebid the project to secure better prices.

Staff also added, as a bid alternate, the Winchester fence section (see Figure 1) to leverage this strategic opportunity. There was no presumption that City Council would move forward with this additional section, but the bid alternate gives flexibility and potential cost savings without any commitment on the part of the City.

City Council may choose to award the Westpark fence as a stand-alone project. In that scenario, the Winchester section can be rebid at a later time if City Council decides to fund the project in the future.



Figure 1

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BIDS RECEIVED

Bids were received and opened on May 26, 2020, with the following results:

Rank	Company	Westpark Fence	Winchester Fence Alternate	Total Cost
1	F & M Fence	\$171,230.00	\$130,940.00	\$302,170.00
2	Blue Bird Con.	\$188,895.10	\$147,450.00	\$336,345.10
3	Gladiator Fence	\$193,455.00	\$147,078.00	\$340,533.00
4	Toprail Con.	\$197,764.33	\$149,820.30	\$347,584.63
5	Buzz Fence	\$207,984.14	\$163,440.71	\$371,424.85
6	Magnolia Fence	\$236,885.00	\$188,150.00	\$425,035.00
7	Diamond Fence	\$230,280.00	\$181,020.00	\$411,300.00
8	Bills Fence	\$246,875.00	\$194,775.00	\$441,650.00

Rebidding the project (Westpark section) resulted in a savings of \$53,875. The Winchester fence alternate approximately doubles the total linear feet of fencing while costing less per linear foot.

FINANCING

City Council has set aside \$250,000 in the current FY 2019/2020 budget. If both sections are selected by City Council, General Fund reserves in the amount of \$52,170 will be utilized.

F & M Fence has worked well with the City on multiple City projects. In addition, the contractor has constructed many fences for Benbrook residents known by staff, all with favorable reviews.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council approve the construction contract for F & M Fence and determine whether to add the Winchester alternate and if so, transfer \$52,170 from General Fund reserves to cover the unfunded balance of the project.