

Item 23-0412: Anticipated Award of Unit CC-23 College Ave Lane Reconfiguration Pavement Marking Contract. Held from April 24, 2023, meeting

Municipal Services Committee

Mon, May 08, 2023, 4:30PM

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 01:18

We have no public hearings or appearances this evening, so we'll start with action item 23-0412 the anticipated award of unit CC-23 College Ave—College Ave lane reconfiguration pavement marking contract held from last week—last municipal services meeting on the 24th. Do we have a motion?

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 01:40

Move for approval.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 01:41

Second.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 01:41

We have a motion to approve and a second. And with that, we will start the discussion. There was a memo waiting for me today that talks about the about the bids. Who would like to discuss that? Number two, go ahead. Oh, are you, ope, district two. Are you district two?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 02:09

There we go.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:09

There we go.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 02:10

Okay, thank you, Chair. Many of you might remember that the Council did approve the concept of the four-to-three lane reconfiguration of College Avenue in recent times. This is, as promised, the last procedural step on that project that would come before committee and Council. And that is award of the contract to the pavement marking contractor.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 02:38

So in this particular case, we solicited two quotes because there's really only two companies that do this kind of work reliably. And the low quote of approximately \$72,000 was just a little bit lower than our estimate of a little over \$73,000. So what we're asking for is to award this contract to brick line in an amount not to exceed 10% over their quote, which is \$79,102, which gives us a \$10,000—I'm sorry, a 10% contingency, in case we run into any kind of unknown issues or unanticipated issues on the project.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:19

I do we see that we have some people in the gallery. Is there anyone who would like to speak to this item?

Jennifer Stephany (Appleton Downtown Incorporated) 03:32

I just wanted to ask a question about...

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:34

One second. Thank you.

Jennifer Stephany (Appleton Downtown Incorporated) 03:41

Is there information yet on the timing and the procedure of this process or will that come after?

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:48

I do know that we had some timing and procedure information when we voted previously. Has anything changed? Or would you like to address that?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 04:00

Yeah, so where we're at is we had put together a list, and I know you and I had corresponded on some time ago about all the different special events. And basically, I gave the contractor a very lengthy list of days that they could not do the work. And that basically works out to that they can't start any sooner than, I believe, it's July 5, possibly, don't quote me on that, plus or minus a couple days. And we're trying to give them as much flexibility as we can in terms of how they conduct the work. But what we do know is at this point is that they do plan to do the work under traffic without closing the street. They probably will be doing some night—they will be doing some work during the day and some work at night depending on kind of the weather and how the schedule comes together. But it would not—with very few exceptions, it would not impact parking. And then it would—traffic would be narrowed down to one lane in each direction while the work is being conducted. There will be a couple of spots where we may have to remove a stall here or a stall there just to get in there and do what we need to do, but 99% of the parking would remain.

Jennifer Stephany (Appleton Downtown Incorporated) 05:24

Wonderful, thank you.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:26

Do we anticipate that affecting any of our summer events, like the farmers market or anything of that nature?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 05:36

Those would fall under the long list of things that we did not allow them. So basically, they—what we said was is they can work from Sunday night through Thursday night, generally but that there are blackout dates. And there are a lot of blackout dates, all the various parades and things that that do fall in there. So, so my—while we are giving them until the end of August to complete the project. I suspect that this is going to be more of a mid-July type project.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 06:12

Any other questions? Alder Hartzheim, you are number 13.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:20

Thank you Chair. Might I direct my question to Director Lom—er not director Lom but Engineer Lom.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 06:26

Yes.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:27

Engineer Lom were—you mentioned that there are only two companies that are worth their weight to do this, and you did not provide us with the other quote was? Are we satisfied that because this is the lowest and it's of the only two companies that we really trust that this is what—that we're going for this?

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 06:48

Oh, I'm sorry.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 06:51

Yeah. So we would have been satisfied with either one of these contractors. The other quote was approximately \$101,000. We had—I had personally extensive conversations with both contractors to make sure that they understood what we're trying to do here and the level of spotlight that would be on this project. Both of these contractors would have done a great job. We're feeling very good about Brickline.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 07:20

Thank you.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 07:23

Yes. Alder Doran.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 07:26

We talked about—you talked about a number of like the blackout dates and things like that. How much impact does that have on the cost? I guess, I assume there's probably some putting out, picking up barrels to accommodate all of that. Is it, is it that much of an issue? I mean, are we talking a hefty expense for that or is it—I mean, is it worth even looking at pushing the project back a little later into the early fall, perhaps instead, so we don't have to deal with that as much?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 07:52

Well, you never exactly know how it influences the prices. What I would say is, is that the contractors are looking for blocks of time that they can come in and work uninterrupted. And there are a few weeks in there. When you take a calendar as I did, and mark off all the blackout dates, and all the Saturdays and Sundays and so forth, there's about three full weeks in there where they can get in—full work weeks—and get in there and do that work. So I think in the end, that's what they're going to focus on. It's definitely in their best interests to mobilize as few times as possible. So what we basically told them is, is you have seven days to complete—seven calendar days to complete—this project. So once you start, you're not allowed to leave weather notwithstanding. And of course, pavement marking is—we have to have dry weather to get the pavement markings down. So.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 08:53

Good. Thank you.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 08:54

Any other questions from committee? Alder Siebers, you look like you might have a question.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 09:02

No.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 09:02

Okay. Perfect. All right. So I guess with that we will vote. All those in favor of the approval say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion passes for zero. Thank you.