

## **RESPONSE TO COUNCIL QUESTIONS RE: 8/20/19 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

### **Agenda Item #: 2M**

#### **Action on Resolution Approving a Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan in Accordance with Provision C.3.J of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit**

Council Question: I would suggest for such items which have long term effects in the community, help the community in protecting the environment and are beneficial for our residents from an academic point of view, we should have a brief presentation in council meetings. I would suggest these types of items should be on regular agenda and should have brief presentation from consultants/staff.

Staff Response: Thank you for your comments regarding the City's Green Infrastructure Plan. Staff will consider this suggestion when planning future agendas for Council Meetings. Currently City staff spends time trying to balance agendas, prioritizing items for presentations and making sure agendas are not overloaded with General Business/Public Hearing items. Due to the numerous items that must be included regularly on Council agendas, this can be a challenging task; however, we will work on this going forward.

### **Agenda Item #: 2Q**

#### **Agreement for Services with CPMAXIS Inc. to Provide Modeling, Development, Validation and Reporting of PAGES for the Electric Department's Power Trading Resource Management**

Council Question: I would suggest that in the circumstances where we enter into service agreements without bid process (as is in this case with CPMAXIS, Inc.), we should get an internal approval from procurement department and their comments should be noted in the package.

Staff Response: Since the ACES Power Operations software application was developed more than 20 years ago and has not been supported or sold for many years in the market, there are very few software programmers available with in-depth knowledge of the ACES application. CPMAXIS was sole sourced because of their expertise at integration of the Electric Department's existing software systems with those of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and Northern California Power Agency (NCPA). The likeliness of a successful procurement for a 20-year-old customized system, with few qualified programmers, is low and it was more efficient based on our professional knowledge to sole source. The agreement and Council Report were coordinated and reviewed by the Finance Department (including the Purchasing Division within Finance), and this is noted under the Coordination section of the Council Report. Any comments or edits from the Purchasing Division are already incorporated within the report.

### **Agenda Item #: 2Z**

#### **Action on the Sanitary Sewer Condition Assessment Repairs Project - Phase 1 (CE 18-19-08), Mitigated Negative Declaration, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Award of Contract**

Council Question: Please note item 2AA has detailed bid summary with the bidding amounts from all bidders where as item 2Z bid summary only has bid amount from one bidder. I would suggest that in all bid summaries we should have standard procedure to include bid amounts from all bidders. It would be great to have some more details in bid summary - why one bidder is preferred over the other.

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Staff Response: Item 2Z and 2AA utilize the same format for the bid summary and include pricing from all the bidders. Whereas the project under Item 2AA received multiple bids, the project under Item 2Z only received one bid. There is a section in the staff report for Item 2Z, under the Discussion Section, which references this including staff's recommendation for award. Capital Projects are put out to bid utilizing a low bid process that awards the project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. Because of these requirements that the City must follow, the projects are not awarded based on staff preference.