

SPECIAL MEETING of the ROSS TOWN COUNCIL TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010

1. 8:00 A.M. Commencement.

Present: Mayor Strauss; Mayor Pro Tempore Hunter, Council Member Cahill, Council Member Martin, Council Member Skall

2. Posting of Agenda.

Town Manager Gary Broad reported that the agenda was posted according to government code.

3. Council authorization of expenditures and awarding of contract for the Lagunitas Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Public Works Director Mel Jarjoura reported that a total of eight bids were received. The engineer's estimate for this project was approximately \$1.7 million. The lowest bid submitted was \$1,211,088 by R.M. Harris Co. Inc. whose proposal complies with all the requirements set forth in the bid documents. The Council is asked to authorize the proposal and award the bid.

Council Member Martin inquired if there were any blots on the bidder's history.

Public Works Director Jarjoura indicated that they are a good company whose main focus is doing bridges. They did two overpasses in San Rafael with Ghilotti Brothers.

Nick Panayotou, Hanna Group, resident engineer for the project, expressed comfort with choosing R.M. Harris Co. They are bridge experts who have worked with Ghilotti Brothers. When he checked the bid tabulations, he did not see anything that jumped out as an issue.

Council Member Martin addressed two detail items of the bridge project – electroliers and antiquity contrast rails, and inquired if the contractor was aware of them.

Mr. Panayotou indicated that the items were discussed with R. M. Harris Co. and they are aware of them. They are looking at them being out of there between June 14 and 21.

Town Manager Gary Broad congratulated Public Works Director Jarjoura and Council member Martin and the Public Works Committee. It was a huge undertaking to not only get the project to move ahead, but get the bids out. And with a \$500,000 savings, the Town saves about \$60,000 too.

Mayor Strauss acknowledged the work of past Councils on bridge replacement.

Rupert Russell, Fernhill Avenue resident, inquired if there was any way for pedestrian access.

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Public Works Director Jarjoura indicated that this wasn't feasible due to ADA issues, a cost of over \$300,000, and a safety problem with access. The available timing for the project is also only 95 days.

Rupert Russell indicated that there should be some way to notify people.

Public Works Director Jarjoura replied that we are informing residents through email and by putting up signs.

Carla Small, Duff Avenue resident, indicated that it makes sense not to spend the extra money on pedestrian access. She would suggest a sign spelling out "No Bicycle/ Pedestrian Walkway" and the reasons why it is not feasible.

Town Manager Broad indicated there would be another Town email sent and we would mention this.

Council Member Martin moved and Council Member Cahill seconded, to approve the lowest bid of R.M. Harris Co. Inc. of \$1,211,088. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Adjournment.

By order of Mayor Strauss, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Richard Strauss, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary Broad, Town Manager