

To: Mayor and Ross Town Council  
From: Mel Jarjoura, Director of Public Works  
Re: Award of contract and authorization of expenditures for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Pathway project.  
Date: July 7, 2010

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**I. Discussion**

The Town Council is requested to award a contract and authorize expenditures for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Pathway project. The Council is also requested to make a decision on the finish material.

On July 6, 2010, open bids on the project were received as follows:

Base Bid #1	John Benward Company, Inc.	\$218,261.91
Base Bid #2	J.A. Gonzalves & Son Construction, Inc.	\$279,158
Base Bid #3	Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc.	\$294,492
Base Bid #4	Ghilotti Bros., Inc.	\$312,684.15

The base bid included the coloration of the asphalt pathway.

John Benward Company, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with all the requirements set forth in the bid's documents. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$271,743.50.

**II. Recommendation and Findings**

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Council approve the bid and authorize expenditures for the construction and award the contract to John Benward Company, Inc. in the amount of \$218,261.91 for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Pathway Project.

The Council could alternately award John Benward Company, Inc., \$199,805.01 for asphalt only or \$241,923.69 for decomposed granite with binder. However, staff recommends the colored asphalt.

**Findings**

This project received CEQA and NEPA (National Environmental Protection Agency) Environmental Clearance.