

**Meeting Date (?)** 05/24/2016

**Subject Matter\* (?)** St Joseph Hospital Area Improvements  
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**Department of Origin\*** ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT

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**Type of Meeting\***  BCD  Special  Regular

**Classification\***  Public Hearing  Consent  Statutory  Regular

**Ordinance\***  None  First Read  Second Read  First & Only Read

**Strategic Initiative\***  Public Safety  Service  
 Economic Development  Infrastructure  
 Quality of Life

**Agenda Item Description\*** Consider awarding a construction contract for the St. Joseph Hospital Area Improvements, City Project Number 332-750-DE-1413, to Larry Young Paving, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,648,101.75.

**Summary Statement\*** This project includes intersection improvements and conversion of overhead to underground utilities along East 29th Street adjacent to the CHI St. Joseph Hospital. St Joseph is constructing a new Emergency Room (ER) Facility to replace the current ER that faces E. 29th Street. With this new facility, primary ambulance drop-off will occur on Memorial Drive. Additionally, St. Joseph partnered with the City to develop a Health and Wellness District as they were planning the future of their campus. Improvements to the two major intersections next to campus along E. 29th Street (Villa Maria Rd. and Memorial Drive) were discussed as well as converting overhead to underground utilities along the campus frontages of E. 29th Street and Villa Maria Rd.

Council approved a design contract with Kimley-Horn & Associates on October 28, 2014. The engineering contract included design and preparation of the construction plans for rebuilding the intersection of Memorial Drive and E. 29th Street to remove the dip at this intersection and provide a smoother transition for ambulances transporting patients to the hospital from E. 29th Street. Also at this intersection, a right turn lane will be added so there can be left turn, straight, and right turn dedicated lanes. The scope includes installation of new traffic signals at Memorial Drive/E. 29th Street and Villa Maria Rd./E. 29th Street. These signals are planned for replacement using Transportation Fee funds as they contain old, outdated equipment and see heavy traffic on a daily basis due to St. Joseph Hospital and Blinn College. A right turn lane is planned at the Villa Maria Rd./E. 29th Street intersection as well. Many of the sidewalks do not meet ADA standards and will be replaced. The final component of the scope is to install underground conduit and duct banks to allow conversion of overhead utilities to underground. The City has coordinated with private utilities, such as Frontier (formerly Verizon) and Suddenlink, to remove their facilities from overhead and convert to underground within the same project limits. All easements and ROW have been acquired.

On March 1, 2016, the City opened bids on RFB #16-028, "St. Joseph Hospital Area Improvements". One bid was received in the amount of \$2,952,449.95, which was approximately 44% above the engineer's estimate. Due to the lack of competition and the high bid proposal, staff recommended that the bid be rejected. Council rejected the bid on March 22, 2016.

The project documents were refined and released for advertisement as RFB #16-035. The Engineer's Estimate was also revised to take into account the higher market prices we are seeing in our area. Bids were opened on May 3, 2016 and two competitive bids were received. The low bid was submitted by Larry Young Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$2,648,101.75, which is approximately 7.5% above the revised Engineer's Estimate of \$2,462,889.

**Staff Analysis & Recommendation\***

Staff recommends the construction contract for the St. Joseph Area Hospital Improvements, City Project Number 332-750-DE-1413, be awarded to Larry Young Paving, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,648,101.75. The City received good competitive bids for the project. The street and utility improvements associated with this project will facilitate access to the new CHI St. Joseph Hospital ER, improve traffic and pedestrian flow in this area, and implement plans for the Health and Wellness District.

**Options\***

(In Suggested Order of Staff Preference)

1. Award the construction contract.
2. Do not award the construction contract and provide direction to staff.

**Funding Source\***

Transportation Fund 240 = \$1,180,537.50; FY2016 Certificates of Obligation (Fund 372) = \$840,741.25; (Reimbursement Resolution coming on June 7 Council Meeting); Water Fund 510 = \$54,010; Bryan Texas Utilities = \$572,813

**Attachments**

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Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:

1. Location drawing
2. Bid Tabulation

**Dept. Head Signature**



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**Deputy City Manager Signature**



**City Manager Signature**



**City Attorney Signature**



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