

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. A(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: November 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Resolution Rejecting the Bid Received for the Bus Shelters Installation Project and Authorization to Re-Bid the Project

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
A. Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George Seiz 918-7427 M. Ted Barker 918-7341

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Board of Alderman reject the bid received for the Bus Shelters Installation project and direct the staff to re-bid the project. The town staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution.

INFORMATION

Bids were opened on the above mentioned project on October 29, 2009. The project consists of the installation of two (2) bus shelters on existing concrete pads along NC Highway 54 and the installation of one (1) bus shelter along with a concrete pad on W. Main Street in front of Town Hall. The installation of photovoltaic lighting systems at each shelter is included in the project. Only one bid was received.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hamlett and Associates - Charlotte, NC	\$63,057.00

FISCAL IMPACT

There are not sufficient funds budgeted to cover this project. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for this project totals only \$48,296 and a portion of that amount must be applied to design costs. The Municipal Agreement with NCDOT for this project stipulates that the Town would be responsible for any amounts above the grant awarded. There is no other funding identified for this project.

Initial response from NCDOT on shifting ARRA funding from other Town projects is that it can't be done, but this idea was still being investigated. Even if funds can be shifted, there is the question as to whether the bid received is a fair price since there was no competition and the one bid received is well above the grant amount.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above, the staff recommends that the BOA reject the bid received from Hamlett and Associates and direct the staff to re-bid the project with the expectation of getting competitive bids. The Municipal Agreement stipulates that this project must be awarded before December 31, 2009, or the Town will lose the funding. The staff has been told by NCDOT that there are no extensions to the December 31 deadline and therefore re-advertising must be done quickly. The

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bid opening is tentatively scheduled for December 1, 2009 and it is anticipated that a recommendation will be brought back to the BOA on December 8, 2009.