

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(6)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: December 8, 2009

SUBJECT: Bid Opening Results for the Bus Shelters Installation 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 bids received for the Bus Shelters Installation project.

INFORMATION

The project consists of the installation of two (2) bus shelters on existing concrete pads on the south side of NC Highway 54 and installation of one (1) bus shelter along with a concrete pad on the west side of W. Main Street in front of Town Hall.

Bids were opened on the above mentioned project on December 01, 2009. This is the second time this project was put out for bid. The one bid received back in late October (\$63,057) was rejected because there were insufficient funds and a question as to whether it was a fair price since there was no bid competition.

The following bids were received on December 1, 2009:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
W.C. Construction Company, LLC – Winston Salem, NC	\$36,745.00
McClure & Associates Construction, Inc. - Raleigh, NC	\$70,650.00
Burney & Burney Construction Company, Inc. - Greenville, NC	\$85,800.00
Centurion Construction Company Inc. - Raleigh, NC	\$117,413.31

The engineer's construction estimate for this project was \$43,763.00.

FISCAL IMPACT

Bids from W.C. Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$36,745.00, and McClure & Associates Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$70,650.00 were rejected due to each company not having the necessary NCDOT "pre-qualified bidder" status as required by ARRA funding.

The remaining bids are approximately two (2) to two and one-half (2 1/2) times greater than the engineer's estimate. Staff investigated the shifting of some ARRA funding from the Bim/Ashe sidewalk project and it was determined that up \$28,000 of funds could be transferred. However, staff feels that the bid of \$85,800 from Burney and Burney Construction is out of line in terms of

expenditure for a project of this scope, and the additional funding would still not be enough to cover the project.

The Municipal Agreement with NCDOT for this project stipulates that the construction for this project must be awarded by December 31, 2009. A request for an extension to this deadline was not granted. Staff is working with the NCDOT to utilize the ARRA funds for the preliminary engineering on this project (\$4,800) and purchase materials for supplemental upgrades to existing bus shelters (\$5,000 to \$10,000) as part of the Municipal Agreement. The unused portion of the funding will revert back to NCDOT for potential resurfacing projects in our region. Staff will investigate to see if there may be other grants available for the construction portion of this project.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above the staff recommends that the Board reject the previously listed bids.