



Council Agenda Report

From: Randy Harris, Deputy Fire Chief

Subject: Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract for the Public Safety Training Facility Site Improvements

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action has been previously analyzed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Training Center Project as reviewed and approved via Planned Development Permit 21-04 and therefore no additional environmental review is required at this time.

Date: February 18, 2025

Facts

1. On October 1, 2019, the City purchased property at 2930 Union Road (address later assigned 2924 Union Road) in the amount of \$3,425,000 for the construction of Fire Station No. 3, the Public Safety Training Center as well as other City facilities, including the Corporation Yard.
2. Construction of Fire Station No. 3 was completed during the last fiscal year and is now fully operational. Construction of Fire Station No. 3 was an important step in meeting the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant and Insurance Services Offices, Inc. (ISO) requirements while enhancing emergency services for residents and visitors of the City.
3. The next phase of the project is the Public Safety Training Center. This includes a training tower, outdoor specialty training areas, and an approximately 4,000 square foot training building that will serve the regional training needs of both police and fire services. The Public Safety Training Center will address the most critical deficiency (0 out of 35 points possible) noted in the community's 2020 ISO rating.
4. Plans and specifications for the site work were prepared and advertised for bid with an engineer's estimate for the project of \$1,290,00.
5. On January 24, 2025, Seven (7) bids were received as follows:

| <u>Construction Company</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| ABI General Eng. | \$689,797.81 |
| R. Burke Corp. | \$853,372.60 |
| Newton Construction | \$976,000.00 |
| Dave Spurr | \$1,034,973.50 |
| Diani Building | \$1,052,711.00 |
| Kies and Sons Const. | \$1,195,122.25 |
| Filanc | \$1,422,870.25 |

6. Staff reviewed the lowest bid from ABI General Engineering and found it to be a responsive and responsible bid.

Options

1. Take no action;

2. Award a construction contract to ABI General Engineering grading for grading, utilities, concrete and paving for the tower area of the Public Safety Training Facility, in the amount of \$689,797.81; or
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

An effective response is critical to our community's safety and well-being. Currently, there is not a police or fire training facility available in North San Luis Obispo County. When available, structures scheduled for demolition are sometimes temporarily made available. Generally, this results in only a day or two of access and doesn't allow all members to complete the designated training evolution. Not completing the training facility would require both departments to continue to train on an infrequent basis.

Building a local training facility will allow officers and firefighters to improve the quality and frequency of their daily and specialty training. Once fully completed, the proposed Public Safety Training Center will allow the police department to meet POST required training and allow the fire department to meet both National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and state requirements, including annual "live fire" training. Additionally, the proposed training facility will be available to our surrounding Public Safety agencies, which will improve our regional training capabilities and also improve response to large-scale multi-agency incidents.

Fiscal Impact

The total cost of the construction contract with ABI General Engineering is \$689,797.81. The project is included in the adopted FY 2024-25 budget and as such, no other action is needed. Additionally, Congressman Panetta secured \$500,000 in federal funding that will be utilized for the construction phase of the project, which will help offset local funds that will be needed to complete the project.

CEQA

The City finds that this action has been previously analyzed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Training Center Project as reviewed and approved via Planned Development Permit 21-04 and City Council Resolution 21-075 MND and therefore no additional environmental review is required at this time.

Recommendation (Option 2)

Approve Resolution 25-XXX, authorizing the City Manager to award a contract ABI General Engineering to perform grading, utilities, concrete slab, and paving for the tower area of the Public Safety Training Facility, in the amount of \$689,797.81, and to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make minor, technical, or non-substantive changes to the contract that are consistent with the Council action.

Attachments

1. Resolution 25-XXX - ABI General Engineering Contract for Public Safety Training Facility
2. ABI General Engineering Bid