



Agenda Item No: 1.h

PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

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From: Public Works

Subject:

Reject All Bids for Old Town Placentia Façade Improvement Project and Authorize Rebidding of Project

Financial Impact:

Fiscal Impact:

Budgeted: \$321,069 FY 2024-25 CDBG Budget (302535-6401)

Summary:

Placentia Façade Improvement Project, NIB No. PW-25-02, for the exterior renovation of Mi Casita Restaurante includes improvements such as new signage, awnings, exterior lighting, windows, façade treatments, and masonry repairs. The project was publicly solicited, and six bids were received on May 15, 2025. Staff recommends that the City Council reject all bids due to a discrepancy in the bid documents.

Recommendation:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Reject all bids and authorize the return of the bid bonds; and
2. Authorize Staff to solicit new bids for the Old Town Placentia Façade Improvement Project; and
3. Authorize the City Administrator and/or her designee to execute all necessary documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Strategic Plan Statement:

This item is consistent with the City Council-approved 5-Year Strategic Goal 6 to Improve City Beautification under Objective 6.3, which is to allocate more funding for façade improvement projects within eligible census tracts.

Discussion:

On December 5, 2017, the City Council formally approved the Old Town Placentia Façade Improvement Program (Program). The Program provides financial assistance in the form of a grant to commercial properties and/or business owners to make façade improvements to the exterior of commercial buildings located within the Old Town Placentia District. To date, the Program has funded a total of five façade improvement projects, three of which included new murals on buildings that serve as bookends to the core Historic portion of Old Town. The overall goal of the Program is to promote the District as a positive venue for quality business,

incentivize property and business improvements, and enhance local economic growth.

The next proposed project under the Program will renovate the existing building facade of the commercial property located at 330 West Santa Fe Avenue, Mi Casita Restaurante. The proposed improvements include:

- Replacement of existing storefront windows, frame and hardware
- Replacement of existing lighting with new LED light fixtures at the exterior
- New architectural and decorative foam and cast concrete
- New painting of exterior walls and decorative facade elements

Bids for the project were publicly solicited and on May 15, 2025, the six (6) bids listed below were received. Due to a discrepancy in the bid documents regarding proper submission protocols, which has caused issues regarding the bidders, Staff recommends that City Council reject all bids under Public Contract Code § 20166.

Contractor	Bid Amount
CO Brothers, LLC	\$191,475.00
A2Z Construction, Inc.	\$194,287.21
First Trade LLC dba YMC	\$210,821.05
Aza Construction, Inc.	\$229,750.80
Premo Construction, Inc.	\$229,797.98
Ambit Construction & Design, Inc.	\$233,572.13

Upon City Council approval, Staff will revise the instructions to bidders to enhance clarity and eliminate any ambiguities regarding submission requirements. Should the recommended actions be approved, the project will be rebid, and the award of contract would be brought before City Council for approval at a later date.

Fiscal Impact Summary:

The County of Orange (County) approved the City's Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) funding application for Fiscal Year 2024-25, which includes support for the Program. The County approved a six-month extension to use these funds, which must be expended by December 31, 2025. A total of \$321,069 in CDBG funding is available for this project.