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Meeting Date: 12/11/2012

Report Type: Consent

Title: Contract Award - Midtown and University Park Meter Retrofit Project

Report ID: 2012-00933

Location: Districts 4, 6

Recommendation: Pass a Motion approving the plans and specifications for the Midtown and University Park Meter Retrofit Project (Z14010058), and awarding the contract to United Building Contractors, for an amount not to exceed \$1,967,900.

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Presenter:

Department: Department Of Utilities

Division: Engineering Administration

Dept ID: 14001311

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City Attorney Review

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Dave Brent - 11/28/2012 1:00:15 PM



Description/Analysis

Issue: This project will retrofit approximately 1,336 existing residential water service connections with a meter.

Policy Considerations: This report's recommendation is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan Goals of improving and expanding public safety and achieving sustainability and livability. This project will assist the City in complying with Assembly Bill 2572, which requires the City to install water meters on all existing water service connections by 2025. Furthermore, this action is in conformance with City Code Chapter 3.60 Articles I and III, which provide that the City Council may award competitively bid contracts to the lowest responsible bidder.

Environmental Considerations: The Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services Division, has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that this project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State Class 3 and Section number 15303 of the CEQA guidelines, as the project consists of installation and location of new, small utility facilities.

Sustainability: The project is consistent with the Sustainability Master Plan goals to help improve water conservation awareness, as the installation of water meters will allow the City to provide a monthly statement of water usage to the customers, and metered billing will improve water conservation. Water meter installation also furthers the City's progress in implementing the Water Forum Agreement and the California Urban Water Conservation Council Best Management Practices (BMPs 1, 4, and 7).

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable

Economic Impact: Not Applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: Award of this contract will continue the City's implementation of the meter retrofit plan developed by the Department of Utilities based on the implementation guidelines approved by City Council. This contract will install 1,336 meters on unmetered water services. After the plans and specifications were completed by Engineering Services, the project was formally advertised to solicit public bids. On October 17, 2012 the City Clerk opened four (4) bids. The two lowest bidders requested to withdraw their bids based on mistake, as allowed under State law. After determining the requests were valid, staff accepted the bid withdrawals. As a result, the third low bid submitted by United Building Contractors became the lowest responsive bid. Staff recommends award of the contract to United Building Contractors as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$1,967,900.

Financial Considerations: With the construction contract for an amount not to exceed \$1,967,900, the total project costs to design, inspect, construct and supply meters are estimated to be \$2,400,000. There are sufficient funds to award the construction contract and complete the Midtown & University Park Meter Retrofit project (Z14010058).

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): This project included participation goals of 20% for emerging and small business enterprises as required by Ordinance 99-007 and Resolution 99-055 relating to ESBD participation goals and policies, adopted by City Council on February 9, 1999. The lowest responsible bidder, United Building Contractors exceeds the ESBE goals with a participation level of over 90%.



Background

On September 24, 2004, Assembly Bill 2572 was signed into law requiring the metering of all residential and commercial water service connections by the year 2025.

The Midtown & University Park Meter Retrofit project is necessary to meet the requirements of the Assembly Bill by installing water meters at residential properties within Council Districts 4 and 6.

Approximately 1,336 services will be retrofit with a water meter as part of this project. Approximately 1100 of the meters will be installed in alleys within the Midtown area and the remainder will be placed within a private roadway of the townhome complexes in the University Park area. Substandard water services will be replaced as they are encountered and all surface restoration associated with the work is included in the scope of the project.

City staff prepared the contract documents and advertised the project. Four bids were received and opened by the City Clerk on October 17, 2012. Both the lowest bidder, Teichert Construction, and the next lowest bidder, Navajo Pipelines, submitted bid withdrawal requests, based on mistakes in pricing the wrong materials for their bids. City staff accepted both bid withdrawals after determining that the grounds for bid withdrawal met the criteria under State law for withdrawal of bids based on mistake. This resulted in the 3rd low bidder being the lowest responsive bidder: United Building Contractors. City staff has reviewed the experience and qualifications submitted by United Building Contractors, which includes recent prior experience as the prime contractor on two similar meter retrofit projects for the City, as well as a recent meter retrofit project in Yuba City. After determining that United Building Contractors possesses the necessary experience and qualifications, staff recommends award of the Contract to United Building Contractors. The bids are summarized below:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Teichert Construction*	\$1,502,560*
Navajo Pipelines*	\$1,761,120*
United Building Contractors	\$1,967,900
Florez Paving	\$2,424,920

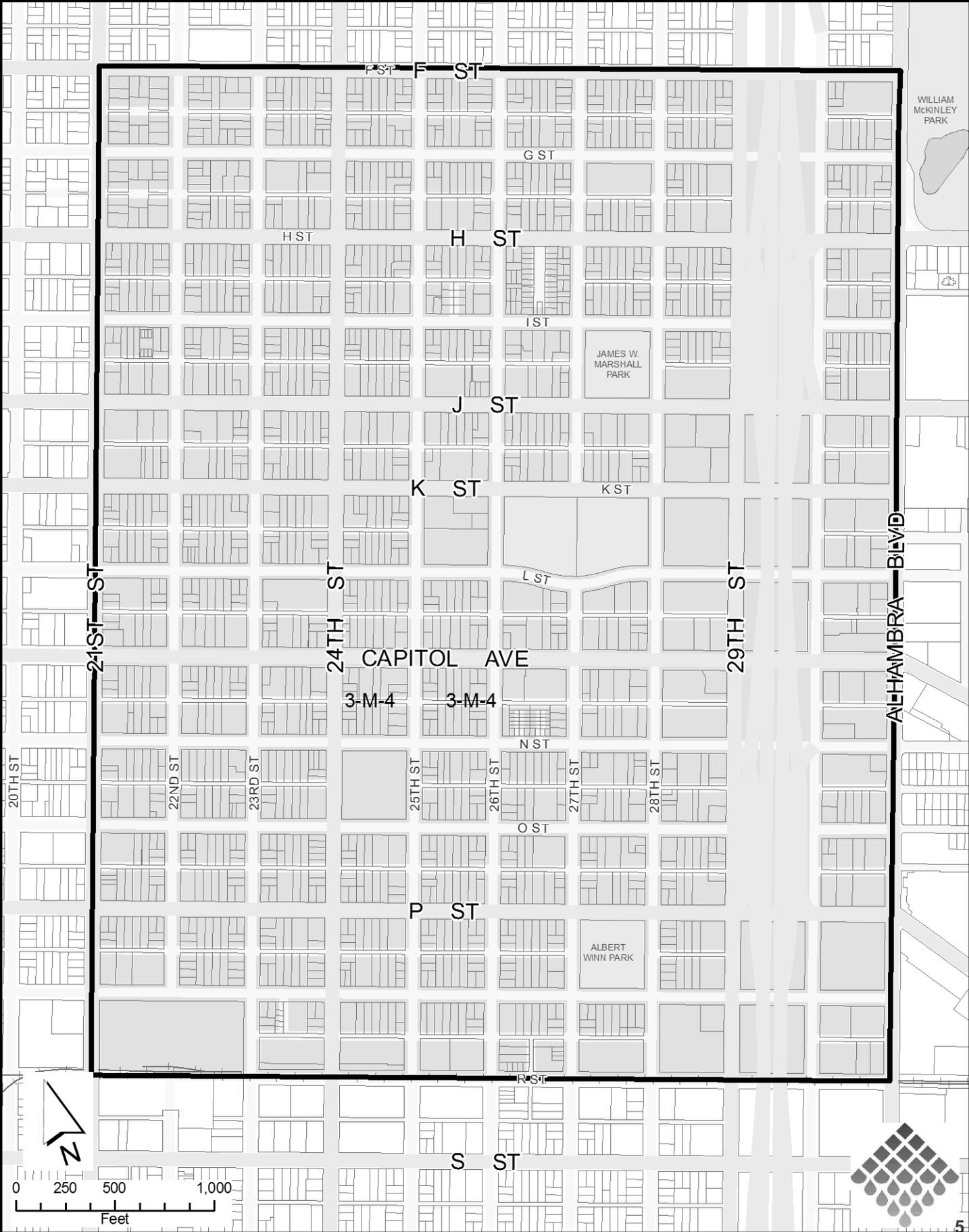
*Bid Withdrawn based on mistake

The Engineer's estimate was \$1,598,000.



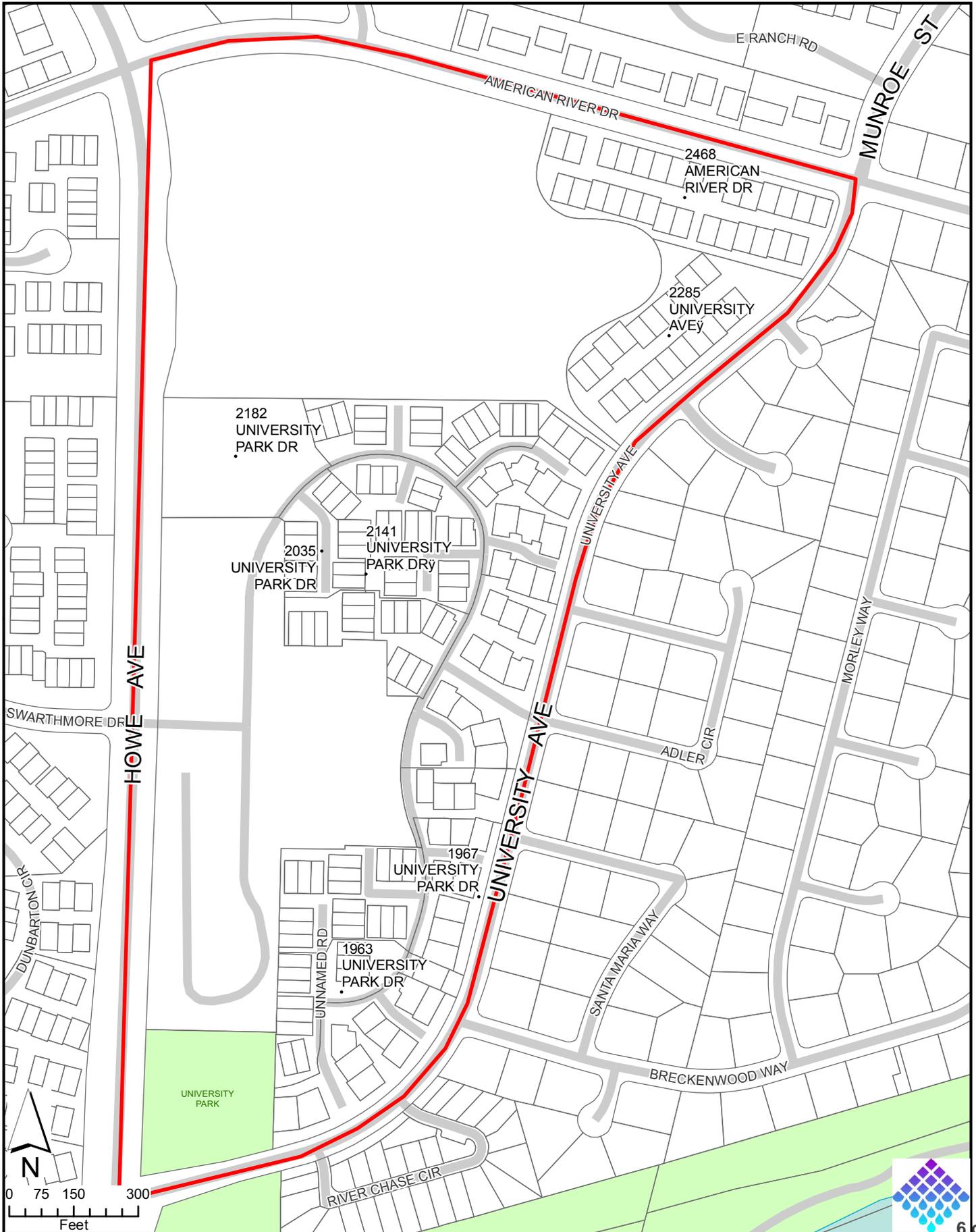
LOCATION MAP

Water Meter Retrofit Project



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