



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 29, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront

Subject: Contract: Redwood Engineering Construction for Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park - Upper Plaza Improvements Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Approving the plans and specifications for the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park Upper Plaza Improvements Project; and
2. Accepting the bid of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Redwood Engineering Construction; and
3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, with Redwood Engineering Construction, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park Upper Plaza Improvements Project at 2135 Martin Luther King Jr Way, in an amount not to exceed \$1,042,139 which includes a contract amount of \$868,449 and a 20% contingency in the amount of \$173,690.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding will be recommended for appropriation through the first amendment to the appropriations ordinance in the Measure T1 Phase 2 Fund (Fund 511) and the Clean California Grant (One-time Grant Fund 336), and Parks Tax (Fund 138). Funds are carryover of FY 2024 project budget.

Construction

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| Redwood Engineering Construction (lowest bid) | \$ 868,449 |
| 20% Contingency | \$ 173,690 |
| <hr/> Total Construction Cost | <hr/> \$ 1,042,139 |

Funding

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| Measure T1 Phase 2 (Fund 511) | \$ 458,128 |
| Parks Tax (Fund 138) | \$ 173,690 |
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| Clean California Local Grant Program Fund (Fund 336) | \$ 410,321 |
| <hr/> Total Funding | <hr/> \$ 1,042,139 |

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This improvement project is at Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park, located at 2135 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, at the upper plaza terrace. Civic Center Park was dedicated in 1942, and was designated as a City of Berkeley Landmark in 1997.

The existing upper plaza needs renovations. The fountain and terrace area have significant deferred maintenance and non-ADA-compliant surfacing. The fountain has not worked in over fifty years, and is regularly subjected to illegal dumping of trash and human waste. The City annually removes more than 270 tons of garbage from the fountain and terrace area. The neglected appearance of this one-time symbol of civic pride deters thousands of students, workers, visitors, and residents who pass by the park regularly.

This is the first phase of improvements to the upper plaza. This project will renovate the deteriorated uneven flagstone terrace, facilitate the repair of the World Peace Wall, install sleeves for future irrigation and utility connections, provide planting and irrigation in the immediate vicinity outside of the plaza area, improve ADA accessibility around the plaza, and other related site improvements in preparation for the next phase of improvements. The second phase will include the final design and installation of artworks to create the Turtle Island Monument envisioned since the 1990's.

The contract will include a 20% contingency to cover related unexpected or miscellaneous construction services. The term of the contract is 180 calendar days, which includes a performance period of 150 days and an additional 30 days for project closeout.

BACKGROUND

The project was advertised for bids on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, and bids were opened on Tuesday, September 26, 2024. The City received 7 bids, from a low base bid of \$868,449 to a high base bid of \$ 1,268,600. The determination of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder was based on the price for base bid work, as indicated in the bid documents.

Redwood Engineering Construction was the apparent lowest bidder at \$868,449. Evaluation of bids were conducted as outlined in the Project Manual, Document 00 2113 Instructions to Bidders – Paragraph 3.02 “Evaluation of Bids.”

Redwood Engineering Construction was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Staff conducted references checks and received satisfactory feedback. Staff recommends that a contract for this project be awarded to Redwood Engineering Construction.

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The Living Wage Ordinance does not apply to this project since construction contracts are, pursuant to City policy, subject to State prevailing wage laws. The contractor will need to submit a certification of Compliance for the Equal Benefits Ordinance. The contract will be subject to the Community Workforce Agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The construction contract includes requirements to comply with the City's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy and Construction and Demolition Waste program. The project is a renovation of a developed urban site and therefore will not negatively affect natural habitat.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park Upper Plaza is needed as part of the City's ongoing program to repair, renovate, and improve accessibility at non-compliant or aging park facilities. The City does not have in-house labor or equipment resources to complete this renovation project.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

2: Bid Results

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: Redwood Engineering Construction FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
CIVIC CENTER PARK UPPER PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Upper Plaza at Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park is in need of renovation; and

WHEREAS, the City has neither the in-house labor nor the equipment necessary to undertake this project; and

WHEREAS, invitation for bids was duly advertised on August 20, 2024, bids were opened on September 24, 2024, and the City received 7 bids; and

WHEREAS, Redwood Engineering Construction was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and references for Redwood Engineering Construction were provided and checked out satisfactorily; and

WHEREAS, funding will be recommended for appropriation through the first amendment to the appropriations ordinance in the Measure T1 Phase 2 Fund (Fund 511) and the Clean California Grant (One-time Grant Fund 336). Funds are carryover of FY 2024 project budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Plans and Specifications for Specification No. 24-11658-C for the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park – Upper Plaza Improvements Project are approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the construction contract is awarded to Redwood Engineering Construction as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a total contract amount of \$868,449, which includes the base bid and no additive alternates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or change orders until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications with Redwood Engineering Construction for the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park – Upper Plaza Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,042,139, which includes a contract amount of \$868,449 and a 20% contingency in the amount of \$173,690 for unforeseen circumstances. A record signature copy of the agreement and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.



City of Berkeley
Abstract of Bid Worksheet

Finance Department
General Services Division

[FOR: Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park Upper Plaza Improvements Project](#)

Spec. # 24-11658-C

Bid Date: 9/24/2024

| | Bidders | Base Bid | Bid Bond | Addenda | | | | | |
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| 1 | Redwood Engineering Construction | \$868,449.00 | X | X | | | | | |
| 2 | Suarez and Munoz Construction, Inc | \$1,180,000.00 | X | X | | | | | |
| 3 | Kerex Engineering | \$999,900.00 | X | X | | | | | |
| 4 | Calico California Constructors | \$1,020,150.00 | X | X | | | | | |
| 5 | Buhler Commercial | \$1,121,530.00 | X | X | | | | | |
| 6 | Bay Construction | \$1,096,000.00 | X | X | | | | | |
| 7 | S & H Construction, Inc. | \$1,268,600.00 | X | X | | | | | |
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| Bid Recorder: | Clay Stilwell | <u>Clay Stilwell</u> | Date <u>25/09/24</u> |
| Bid Opener: | Talia Stewart | <u>Talia Stewart</u> | Date <u>25/09/24</u> |
| Project Manager: | Canhui Li | <u>Canhui Li</u> | Date <u>09/25/2024</u> |

Canhui Li

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Signature: *Clay Stilwell*

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Signature: 
Talia Stewart (Sep 25, 2024 15:39 PDT)

Email: TStewart@berkeleyca.gov

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Final Audit Report

2024-09-25

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