

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka P.E., Public Works Director
James W. Ennis, P.E., PMP

FROM: William Johnson P.E., Roadway Production Engineer

SUBJECT: **Rejection of Bid No. 2018048**
Gifford Neighborhood 45th Street Beautification Project Phase II
(IRC-1748)

DATE: June 18, 2018

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

On August 15th, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners approved the Continuing Contract for Professional Services Work Order No. 14 with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. Work Order No. 14 addresses Action Item 9.3 of the Gifford Neighborhood Plan which was scheduled for completion by 2018. Under Action 9.3 the County agreed to improve and beautify the segment of 45th Street from 43rd Avenue to US #1 with Phase II improvements. The improvements would include enclosing Sub-lateral 'H' canal by culverting certain portions of the canal on the south side of 45th Street, adding a 6-foot sidewalk, and adding landscaping improvements.

During the bidding process Staff was advised by prospective bidders of a regional industry-wide material shortage for one of the main pipe sizes specified for the project; which Staff verified with pipe manufacturers. A bid addendum was issued which contained revised construction plans that increased the unavailable pipe to the next commonly available dimension also resulting in an increase in the size of drainage structures. A bid opening for the Gifford Neighborhood 45th Street Beautification Project Phase II was held on May, 23rd 2018. One (1) bid was received and opened. A detailed bid tabulation is on file and available for viewing in the County Engineering Division. Bid totals are as follow:

Johnson-Davis, Inc.	Fort Pierce, Florida	\$3,545,744.00
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Staff met to review the received bid and from this review IRC Purchasing Division requested a unit price clarification from the Bidder on behalf of the Engineering Division. The Bidder responded to staff that the unit prices within the bid were correct and competitive.

Staff requested a revised engineer's cost estimate to account for the increase in size for pipe and drainage structures. The revised engineer's cost estimate is \$ 2,657,696.50, an increase of approximately \$650,000. The cost difference between the submitted bid and the revised Engineer's Cost Estimate was \$888,047.50 higher than the revised engineer's estimate. Due to the significant difference between the Engineer's Cost Estimate and the single bid received, staff does not support award of the project to the only Bidder as staff is unable to compare unit costs to other bidders.

The project was intended to address Action item 9.3 in the Gifford Neighborhood Plan established in 2014 and was scheduled to be completed in 2018. Re-advertising the project will result in the project being completed in 2019.

FUNDING

Funding for re-advertisement of the project is available in Account No. 10921441-066510-03023 Gas Tax (45th Street "West End" Culverting - Construction).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners reject the single bid from Johnson-Davis, Inc., and authorize staff to modify the specifications and re-advertise the Project as soon as possible.

ATTACHMENTS

Johnson-Davis, Inc. response for clarifications

DISTRIBUTION

Johnson-Davis, Inc.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR July 3rd, 2018