

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** REJECTION OF BIDS FOR FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER POOL BASIN PAINTING PROJECT

**BACKGROUND:**

This project includes preparing and painting the surface of all three basins at the Furman Aquatic Center. The basins were first painted in 2009 and again prior to the 2017 season. It is recommended to paint the basins every five to seven years to protect the concrete from the chlorinated water. Water's Edge Aquatics, Lenexa, Kansas, developed the specifications and prepared the cost estimate. The FY 2022/23 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) includes \$150,000 for the project and the engineer's estimate was \$172,921.

City Council approved plans and specifications at the April 26, 2022, City Council meeting and bids were received on May 25, 2022. Two bids were received as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
TMI Painting & Restoration Contractors, St. Paul, MN	\$296,400
McGill Restoration, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska	\$324,278
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$172,921</i>

Staff sent plans and specifications to multiple contractors that had communicated interest in the project and none of these contractors submitted bids. After the bid due date, staff contacted multiple contractors and inquired as to why they did not bid. **The feedback received was they had enough work on the calendar for the year and were not able to fit the project into the schedule.**

Considering the low bid of \$296,400 and funding available of \$150,000, there is a shortfall of \$146,400. There is not enough savings from completed CIP projects at this time to cover this shortfall.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Reject all bids for the Furman Aquatic Center Pool Basin Painting Project and direct staff to rebid the project at a later date.
2. Accept the report of bids for the Furman Aquatic Center Pool Basin Painting Project, but do not award a contract at this time.
3. Refer back to staff.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project is a priority that will need to take place within the next 18 months. However, delaying the project will not cause any harm to the surface of the pool basins. Staff will plan to send out plans and specifications later this fall to have the project completed after the 2023 swimming season. This will hopefully result in more reasonable bids as contractors should just be starting to schedule projects for the 2023 construction season.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.