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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER
 POOL BASIN REPAINTING PROJECT**

BACKGROUND:

This project includes preparing and painting the surface of all three basins at the Furman Aquatic Center. The facility was first painted in 2009 and again prior to the 2017 season. It is recommended that the basins be painted every five to seven years to protect the concrete from the chlorinated water.

On November 22, 2022, Council issued a notice to bidders. Staff received and opened three bids on December 21, 2022, which are summarized below.

Furman Aquatic Center Pool Basin Repainting Bids

Bidder	Base Bid
Amusement Restoration Companies, Burnet, Texas	\$133,405
TMI Coatings, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota	\$298,300
McGill Restoration Inc., Omaha, Nebraska	\$329,265

Jeff Bartley, Engineer with Water’s Edge Aquatic Design, Lenexa, Kansas, developed the specifications and prepared a cost estimate. Mr. Bartley will also provide progress review visits during various stages of the process including surface prep, painting progress, and final completion. The Engineer’s estimate for this project is as follows:

Engineer’s Project Estimate:	
Crack Repair, Leveling, Prepare and Paint all Basins	\$202,000
<u>Engineering</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total Project Estimate	\$207,000

Total funding available for this project is \$231,404.

The City Council accepted a Report of Bids for the project on January 10, 2023. **Due to the disparity in the costs between the low bid and the two highest bids, staff needed an opportunity to check references for Amusement Restoration Companies (ARC). Staff had conversations with multiple municipalities throughout the country regarding the quality of work completed by ARC, and all was positive. However, Waters Edge Aquatic Design does not have any experience with ARC, but assured staff they would be involved with project oversite by traveling to Ames to observe progress throughout the project to ensure the specifications are met.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve final plans and specifications and award a contract to Amusement Restoration Companies, Burnet, Texas, for the Furman Aquatic Center Pool Basin Repainting Project in the amount of \$133,405.
2. Approve final plans and specifications and award a contract to one of the other bidders for the Furman Aquatic Center Pool Basin Repainting Project
3. Reject all bids for the Furman Aquatic Center Pool Repainting Project and direct staff to rebid the project.
4. Refer back to staff.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Furman Aquatic Center is a valuable amenity to the community, and it is important that any work that is completed at the facility is completed with excellence to ensure safety for all users. This project has a large impact on the facility and staff wants to ensure the contractor is qualified to complete the work. After discussing the project with multiple municipalities who have utilized the services of ARC, staff is confident that ARC will be able to complete the work according to the specifications. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1.**