

Council Meeting of  
June 27, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**SUBJECT: Recommendation to reject bids for Fire Station #5 Renovation  
B2006-17**

**Expenditure: Not Applicable**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Services Director recommends the City Council reject all the bids received for Renovation of Fire Station #5 bid B2006-17.

**Funding-** Not applicable

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

In order to accommodate female firefighters and satisfy Title 8, of the California Code of Regulations, sections 3364 and 3366, the Fire Department has been undergoing a process of renovating existing Fire Departments, making a change from group berthing to individual rooms. Fire Station #5 was one of the buildings selected for renovation and on June 1, 2006, bids were formally opened in the Council Chambers.

Horizons CCI Inc., was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$467,908.50, but withdrew their bid due to a clerical error and therefore are prohibited from bidding this project in the future per section 5105 of the Public Contract Code.

The second bid received was from Newman Midland Inc. for \$645,000 and was considered high based on the staff estimates for the project at the time of bidding, which were between \$470,000 to \$500,000.

Newman Midland also listed a roofing contractor with an expired license and provided the wrong license number for the electrical contractor. Staff could not research the electrical contractor based on the information offered, and therefore could not validate the license. Based on this information, staff deemed Newman Midland non-responsive per the Torrance Municipal Code (Chapter 2, Section 22.3.9) regarding defects, or technicalities of a bid.

The General Services Department recommends City Council reject all bids received for Fire Station #5 Renovation bid B2006-17. If Council agrees with the recommendation, staff will re-bid the project in order to obtain more competitive bids.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:



Sheryl Ballew  
General Services Director



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