



City Council Report

Date: March 23, 2009
To: City Council
Through: Jack Friedline, Deputy City Manager
From: Beth Huning, City Engineer
Subject: New Police Evidence Freezer Storage
120 N. Robson
Project No. 05-004-001
Council District No. 4

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council on the results of the bids received for Project No. 05-004-001, New Police Evidence Freezer Storage, 120 N. Robson. The area included in this project is shown in the attached Exhibit "A". It is recommended that Council award this project to the low bidder, W. E. O'Neil Construction Company of Arizona, for a total award of \$457,600.00.

Background

The Mesa Police Department Evidence Section has been storing biological evidence in a frozen environment for over twenty-five years. The Forensic Services Section requires that biological evidence be frozen in order to preserve the items as best evidence for analysis by the Biology Unit. Items that are stored in the freezer include clothing, DNA swabs, carpeting, cups and other containers, urine kits, and other items that may contain DNA samples or biological substances.

In January 2009, the Arizona Legislature approved and the Governor signed into law new legislation (A.R.S. 13-4221) requiring biological evidence on homicides and sexual assaults be held at least fifty-five years before the evidence can be disposed. Because most biological evidence is collected from homicides and sexual assaults (as well as serious aggravated assaults), these items will require long-term storage in a frozen environment and cannot be disposed of to create space for new evidence.

Currently, there are three evidence freezers being used to store biological evidence. The three evidence freezers are located at Police Headquarters, 130 N. Robson. Inventory in these freezers is at 99% capacity.

Discussion

In order to provide continued compliance with A.R.S. 13-4221 and to provide additional freezer capacity, this project will construct a new 1200 square foot evidence freezer. The freezer will be constructed in the basement of Central Police Station parking garage, located at 120 N. Robson.

Community Impact – Temporary impacts to the area will include construction noise and dust, however, the work is contained to the Central Police Station parking garage. Once work is started, project completion is anticipated within 60 calendar days.

Alternatives

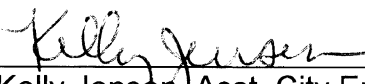
An alternative is to not construct the new evidence freezer, however, this is not recommended since the existing freezer storage space is at capacity.

Fiscal Impact

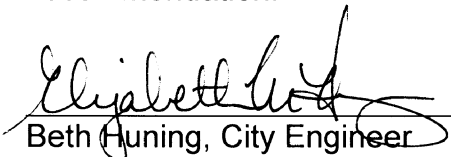
The recommended total award of this project is \$457,600.00 which consists of a low bid of \$416,000.00 plus an additional \$41,600.00 (10% allowance for change orders). Funding is available from the approved FY 08/09 Law Enforcement Capital Program (Quality of Life Funds).

Coordinated With

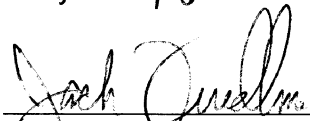
The Police Department concurs with this recommendation.



Kelly Jensen, Asst. City Engineer



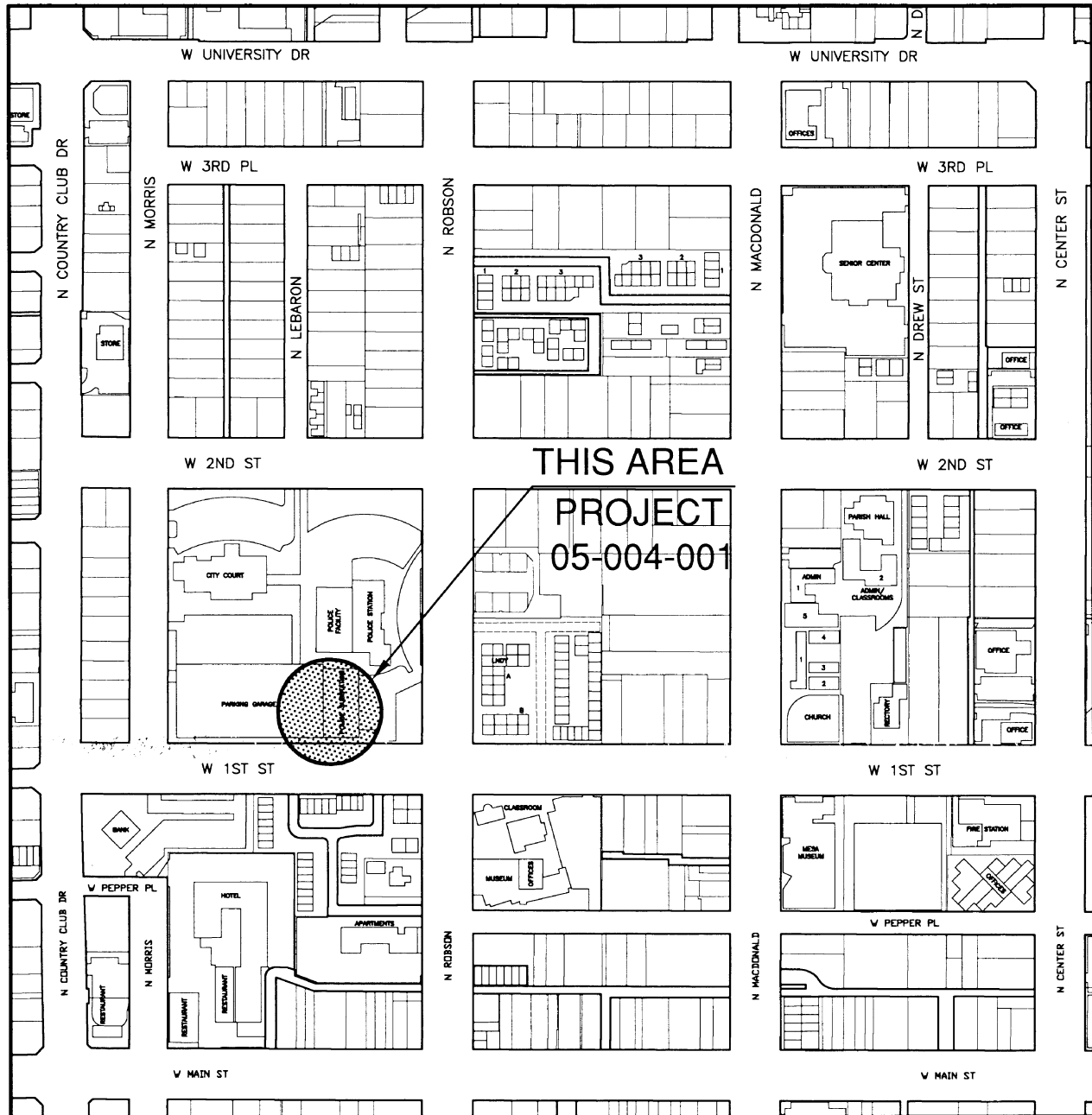
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EXHIBIT "A"



PROJECT LOCATION MAP
NEW POLICE EVIDENCE FREEZER STORAGE
120 NORTH ROBSON
PROJECT NO. 05-004-001



Budget Information:
FY 08/09 Law Enforcement Capital Program
(Quality of Life Funds)

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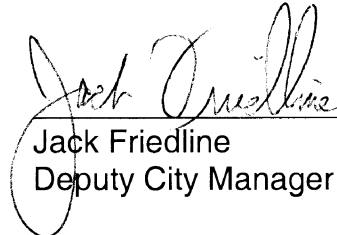
NEW POLICE EVIDENCE FREEZER STORAGE
(120 NORTH ROBSON)

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Tabulation of Bids Received, Thursday, February 19, at 1:30 P.M.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	\$476,000.00
1. W.E. O'Neil Construction Company of Arizona	\$416,000.00
2. J.E. Bowen Construction LLC	\$431,050.00
3. TI Specialists Inc.	\$490,108.00
4. Demdomgia LLC	\$571,000.00

Recommend award to low bidder, W.E. O'Neil Construction Company of Arizona, in the amount of \$416,000.00 plus an additional \$41,600.00 (10% allowance for change orders) for a total award of \$457,600.00.



Jack Friedline
Deputy City Manager