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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
FROM: Gary J. Volenec, P.E., City Engineer
CC: James Bouquet, Director of Engineering
DATE: February 5, 2018
SUBJECT: Rejecting all bids for Truman Waterfront Park Fruit Tree Grove

ACTION STATEMENT:

Reject all bids for Truman Waterfront Park Fruit Tree Grove as both bids that were received significantly exceeded available funding.

BACKGROUND

At the March 20, 2017 meeting, the Truman Waterfront Advisory Board (TWAB) voted to recommend the Naval Properties Local Development Authority (LRA) approve siting a fruit grove at the Truman Waterfront Park. Subsequently, Resolution 17-178 was approved which authorized the preparation of bid documents for the new grove project.

Bids for the project were opened at 3:00 PM on January 31, 2018. Two responsive bidders submitted proposals which are summarized as follows:

Charley Toppino & Sons, Inc	\$157,675
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Sea Tech, Inc.	\$217,650
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The low bid proposal exceeded the budgeted amount by roughly double, and it is the intent of the Engineering Department to reduce and/or eliminate components of the project consistent with available funds. The project will subsequently be re-bid under the revised scope.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Both bids received substantially exceeded the available project budget. Additional project funds

will not be expended at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Services staff recommend rejecting all bids for the Truman Waterfront Park Fruit Tree Grove and proceed with down scoping of the project to address budgetary constraints while staying committed to the original intent proposed by the Truman Waterfront Advisory Board.