

RESPONSE(S) TO COUNCIL QUESTION(S)

RE: 4/5/2016 AGENDA

Agenda Item #: 1C

Title: Reject Bids Received and Modify an Existing Contract for Water Meters (F16-26)

Question(s): Why does the failure of the low bidder's solution invalidate the other three bids?

Staff Response(s): The low bidder's inability to communicate with the city's meter-reading devices does not invalidate the other three bids received. Bid pricing for the bulk of the meters among the other bidders ranged from 19% to 69% higher than the low bidder, and the second lowest bidder chose not to bid on several types of meters (which would have required multiple vendor contracts for higher-priced products). For these reasons, as well as the opportunity to incorporate smart meter technology into the next competitive bid, staff is recommending that all bids be rejected.

Agenda Item #: 6

Title: Appoint a Councilmember to the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors Representing the City as part of the North East Cities Grouping

Question(s): There is no explicit mention of appointing an ECR PAB representative. Is that automatically assumed to be Sunnyvale's VTA Board of Directors representative?

Staff Response(s): The VTA El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board appointment is not included in this RTC; staff will return to Council on April 12 with an opportunity for Council to appoint a Councilmember. In the meantime, Councilmember Davis is the designated Alternate to this appointment.
