



## Item No. Town of Atherton

**TO: CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**FROM: GORDON SIEBERT, CITY ENGINEER**  
**DATE: AUGUST 11, 2014**  
**SUBJECT: CIVIC CENTER PROJECT GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANT**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only. Receive and File.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City Council authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the Civic Center Project's geotechnical services. Nine proposals for these services were received on July 10. The Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) designated Phil Lively to assist staff in review of the proposals.

### **FINDINGS/ANALYSIS**

Mr. Lively reviewed the nine proposals, ranked them on a matrix based on criteria in the RFP and short-listed four firms: Murray Engineers, Pacific Geotechnical, Rutherford & Chekene and URS. Staff also reviewed the proposals and concurred with Mr. Lively's evaluation.

Based on the review of the full proposals, staff selected Murray Engineers and began contract negotiations. Murray Engineers is very experienced in performing geotechnical exploration and analysis in Atherton. When conducting background investigation, the Town's Building Official confirmed the firm's experience and performance. After reviewing the proposals of all four of the top firms, staff found the proposal from Murray Engineers to be in the Town's best interest.

Work will include basic geotechnical investigation and reporting as well as optional services to test soil samples for contaminants which might be expected on site including diesel fuel, motor oil, pesticides, PCB's and metals.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The HMC cost estimate suggested \$30,000 for soil testing and services. The proposed fee of \$18,700 is within budget and within the City Manager's contracting authority. The City Manager will execute the contract for the geotechnical and soil testing services and authorize the work.