SUBJECT:
Award of contract to Century Fence Company, Inc. for the removal and installation of fencing and netting on the north and south baseball fields at Fleischmann Park.

SUMMARY:
City Council is asked to consider awarding a contract to Century Fence Company, Inc. for the removal and installation of fencing and netting on the north and south baseball fields at Fleischmann Park in the amount of $75,000 which includes a City controlled contingency of $5,400.00.

BACKGROUND:
City Council approved a $115,000 project for improvements at Fleischmann Park in the FY17 CIP. Project funding was appropriated to resurface/paint/stripe the park’s basketball court to create six pickleball courts and making the courts available for two different sports (basketball and pickleball). The court improvements were completed in January 2017 at a cost of $11,175.

The CIP project also appropriated funds to install foul ball nettings at the park’s three baseball/softball fields to protect spectators and park patrons’ safe from foul balls. Once the court improvements were complete, a fund balance of $103,825 is available for the fence/netting project.

Staff solicited input from the athletic leagues that use the field to determine the best solution. Bid specifications were developed and include:
- removal of existing fencing, netting, posts, etc.,
- installation of 20 ft. posts that will support a combination of fencing and netting
- increases the protective barrier height from the current ten (10) feet to twenty (20) feet.
- existing 20 ft. backstops shall be repaired as needed but will not be removed.

Once the specifications were developed, it became clear that funding would not support the installation of fence and netting at all three fields. In collaboration with the athletic leagues, it was determined that safety improvements at the north and south fields were the highest priority. Specifications were revised to provide fencing and netting at the north and south fields only.

The Purchasing Division reports that twenty-three (23) city registered and 3 supplemental vendors were sent information regarding Invitation to Bid #17-019 which was advertised in the Naples Daily News on April 5, 2017 and posted on the City’s web site. A public notice was also posted with the City Clerk’s Office. DemandStar notified 110 potential vendors and nine (9) planholders. There was a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting for this bid held on April 14, 2017 at which one vendor was in attendance. Sealed bids were received and opened on May 1, 2017 and three (3) vendors submitted proposals. Century Fence Company, Inc. submitted the lowest bid for this project.
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BACKGROUND (cont.):
During construction, the contractor will be required to keep the work location in a safe and secure condition to allow the public to visit and use the baseball fields.

FUNDING SOURCE:
Funding is available in CIP #17G09; Account #: 340-0925-572-560300 - Fleischmann Park Improvement Projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Award a contract to Century Fence Company, Inc. for the removal and installation of fencing and netting at Fleischmann Park’s north and south baseball fields in the amount of $75,000 which includes a City controlled contingency of $5,400.00, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.