METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 96-53

Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission Resolution 96-53 accepting the Bid of Modern Custom Upholstery, Gresham, Oregon, for the Civic Auditorium Reupholstery Project.

Whereas, the Civic Auditorium seats are in need of reupholstering, since the remodeling of the facility was completed in 1967 and the seats have not been redone since that time, and

Whereas, Commission Staff for the second time released specifications for bidding and advertised for bids in accordance with standard bidding procedure, and

Whereas, as a result of that second bidding process, one bid was received, that bid being again from Modern Custom Upholstery, Gresham, Oregon, in the amount of \$95,000, and

Whereas, Staff initially estimated the cost of the project to be in the area of \$45,000, and

Whereas, following the Bid process, Staff determined that other alternatives for performing the upholstery project were not either economically or logistically viable, and

Whereas, Staff has determined that acceptance of the Bid of Modern Custom Upholstery is the most desirable alternative for completion of the project with consideration given to all factors;

BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission hereby accepts the Bid of Modern Custom Upholstery, Gresham, Oregon, in the amount of \$95,000.00, and authorizes the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer to execute a Contract with Modern Custom Upholstery for the Civic Auditorium Reupholstery Project.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

Date:

By: Mark B. Williams, Sr. Asst. Counsel

Secretary/Treasurer

Date: 10-11-96

MERC STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item/Issue: Acceptance of Bid for the Civic Auditorium Reupholstery Project

Resolution No. <u>96-53</u>

Date: October 4, 1996

Presented by: Harriet Sherburne & Mark Hunter

Background and Analysis: The seats in the Civic Auditorium are the original seats from the reconstruction in 1967. The upholstery is worn and all of the foam padding has deteriorated and requires replacement. All of the seats except the box level seats, which have recently been recovered, would be reupholstered in this project, using materials purchased in FY 95-96. The first request for Bids was put out in August and Bids were opened on September 3, 1996. Modern Custom Upholstery was the only responsive and responsible bidder, with a bid of \$142,000. Upon Staff recommendation, this bid was subsequently rejected and the project was re-bid the week following with a modified Bid Specification. The second Bid Opening took place on October 1, 1996, with Modern Custom Upholstery again being the only Bidder. submitting a Bid of \$95,000. Staff polled other prospective Bidders to learn reasons for not submitting, and ascertained a variety of reasons, mostly financial status or previous commitments of available resources. Staff subsequently reassessed various alternatives to Bid acceptance and determined that due to the current labor market, allocation of Staff resources, the heavy schedule of events, the complexities of the work, requirements of the Bid Specification (including bonding and prevailing wage rates) and following reconfirmation of unit cost estimates, that acceptance of the Bid would be the most economical and prudent course of action.

<u>Financial Considerations</u>: The Staff estimate for the reupholstery project was in the range of \$45,000, based on unit cost estimates at that time. Funds are available in the PCPA Capital Fund to finance the project at the \$95,000 Bid Amount.

<u>Other Considerations</u>: Implementation of the project in accordance with the Bid Specifications evolved to become more complex than originally anticipated; the second bidding process used up a considerable amount of "free time" at the Civic, making the work fit into smaller segments with increased handling and irregular scheduling. Staff believes that in order to obtain quality results and to meet public interest requirements, the project must be conducted in the manner as set forth in the Bid Specifications.

<u>Recommendation:</u> Staff recommends that the Commission accept the Bid in the amount of \$95,000, from Modern Custom Upholstery, Gresham, OR, by Resolution 96-53, and authorize the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer to execute a contract with Modern Custom Upholstery for the Civic Auditorium Reupholstery Project.

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