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Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7245 and award a contract to Griffith Company, of Brea, CA, for the construction of the Davies Boat Launch and Facility Improvements Project, in the amount of $5,909,800, for the Base Bid and Bid Alternate, and authorize a 20 percent contingency in the amount of $1,181,960, for a total amount not to exceed $7,091,760, and, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into contract, including any necessary subsequent amendments. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Griffith Company, to provide construction services for the Davies Boat Launch and Facility Improvements Project (Project).

The Project is located along Marine Stadium in Alamitos Bay, near the intersection of East Second Street and Marina Drive (see Attachment A, Location Map). The Davies Boat Launch facility features a boat launch ramp, 185 parking stalls, restroom, and boat washdown station, and serves approximately 35,000 trailered vessel launches annually.

Background

The Davies Boat Launch area will play a prominent role in the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games as it is adjacent to and serves Marine Stadium, which is hosting four scheduled events. Marine Stadium holds historical significance as the first manmade rowing course in the United States, originally constructed for the rowing competitions of the 1932 Olympic Games. The 2028 Games will mark the stadium's second time hosting Olympic events and its first time hosting Paralympic competitions. Given its location and function, the Project site will be highly visible and heavily utilized throughout the 2028 Games.

Due to its age and popularity, the project site and its associated facilities have been subjected to prolonged and intensive use, resulting in significant deterioration over time. In 2016, this location was identified as an excellent project candidate for grant funds from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW), for the Local Assistance Boat Launching Facility grant program and eventually received grant funding for engineering, permitting, material, and construction improvements.

The Project will upgrade one of the City of Long Beach's (City) key waterfront recreation sites by

repaving and restriping the existing parking lot, replacing the aging boat launch ramp, and constructing a new modern restroom building. The Project will also rebuild and replace key site amenities including the entrance gate, parking kiosk, restroom, parking lot lighting, and boat wash station. In addition, the Project will add several new amenities including a new fish cleaning station and waste disposal center, trash enclosures, sand-oil separator, and two new electric vehicle charging stations. Additional site improvements include new sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and parkway drains. These enhancements are supported by upgrades to essential infrastructure and new utilities, including new potable water lines, new sanitary sewer lines, and new electrical systems and transformers ensuring long-term functionality and improved service for all boaters and visitors.

Project Funding and Delivery

On January 21, 2020, the City Council authorized the acceptance and expenditure of $300,000 in grant funding from the DBW Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, to be used for design and permitting phase services for the proposed improvements. Upon completion of the design, the City submitted a subsequent grant application to DBW for additional funds for construction and on March 21, 2023, the City Council authorized the acceptance and expenditure of $6,000,000 from DBW to be used for construction and completion of the Project.

The design progressed and the Project was presented to the Marine Advisory Committee in May of 2023. The City finalized construction documents for the Project and in September 2023, the Project was advertised for public bidding, with final bids received in November 2023. The bids received exceeded the available project budget, resulting in the rejection of all bids. The Project team actively performed value engineering and redesign efforts, incorporating recommendations from DBW. The project team made adjustments to the design plans, without compromising the integrity of the public access amenities and features.

The Project rebid was advertised in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on November 11, 2025, and 322 potential bidders specializing in construction services were notified of the bid opportunity. Of those bidders, 21 downloaded the bid via the City's electronic bid system. The specifications were made available on the Purchasing Division's website at www.longbeach.gov/purchasing. A bid announcement was also included in the Purchasing Division's weekly update of Open Bid Opportunities, which was sent to four local, minority-owned and women-owned business groups. There were four bids received on December 09, 2025. Of those bidders, none were Minority-owned Business (MBE), none were Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBE), two were certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE), and one was a Long Beach vendor (Local). Griffith Company, of Brea, CA, (not an MBE, WBE, SBE or Local) was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Local Business Outreach

To align with the City's outreach goal, Long Beach businesses are encouraged to submit bids for City contracts. The Purchasing Division also assists businesses with registering on the Long Beach Buys platform to download bid specifications. Through outreach, 22 Long Beach vendors were notified to submit bids, of which five downloaded and one submitted a bid. The Purchasing Division is committed to continuing to perform outreach to local vendors to expand the bidder pool.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Vanessa S. Ibarra and Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on February 12, 2026, and by Purchasing Agent Michelle Wilson on February 5, 2026.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Project incorporates sustainable design elements intended to reduce long-term environmental impacts and operational demands at the Davies Boat Launch and Facility. Improvements include energy-efficient site lighting, upgraded utilities, two new electric vehicle chargers, and replacement of aging infrastructure with durable materials and modern design standards. These improvements are anticipated to improve operational efficiency, reduce maintenance needs, and extend the service life of the facility while supporting continued public access to coastal recreational resources.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption CE-18-172 was filed on August 6, 2018, and the Project was approved under Coastal Development Permit No. 5-19-0977.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7245 and award a contract concurrently is requested on March 3, 2026, to ensure the validity of bid pricing. Bids for the work expire on April 8, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the contract will not exceed $7,091,760, inclusive of a 20 percent contingency. The total Project cost is estimated at $8,829,938 including all project delivery costs, such as design, project and construction management, labor compliance, materials testing and inspection. The total Project cost is currently supported by a total of $6,300,000 in design grant funding from DBW, $2,000,000 from Marina Capital Project Funds, and $529,938 in Tidelands Capital Project Funds, which are appropriated in the Tidelands Operating Fund Group and the Tidelands Area Fund Group in the Public Works Department.

Approval of this recommendation provides regional support and facilitates access to the State's coastal waters. In addition, the enhancements have the potential to deliver economic benefits to the City by enhancing the overall quality of the facility and therefore attracting a greater number of recreational boaters and visitors. Increased utilization of the facility has the potential to stimulate local commerce, supports waterfront businesses including boating-related commerce and retail, and strengthens the City's position as a regional destination for recreational boating.

The recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. The number of additional local jobs created by this Project will not be known until the contractors have completed their hiring and construction has commenced.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

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ATTACHMENT A: SITE MAP