## **RESOLUTION R-5426**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE TOTEM LAKE CONNECTOR, REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED AND AUTHORIZING A NEW CALL FOR BIDS.

WHEREAS, the City desires to construct a bridge for non-motorized transportation in the Totem Lake area, referred to as the Totem Lake Connector; and

WHEREAS, the Totem Lake Connector has been planned and anticipated for many years and will be a signature project for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Totem Lake Connector was designed by an experienced and qualified engineering firm, and among other tasks that same firm both developed and reconfirmed an engineer's estimate for the cost to build the Totem Lake Connector, that estimate having been approximately \$9.8 million; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2020 the City advertised for bids to construct the Totem Lake Connector, with bids due by March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the City received four bids, all of which were significantly higher than the engineer's estimate, by a range of \$4.1 to \$5.9 million higher; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to opening the bids, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) informed the City that additional federal funds were available and that \$1,535,000 would be recommended to the PSRC board for award to the City; and

WHEREAS, the PSRC board was scheduled to meet and act on said recommendation, and similar recommendations benefitting other jurisdictions, on May 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said federal funds come with rules and requirements that were not in the bridge project's plans and specifications when it was advertised, but must be included prior to advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, because the City desires to receive said federal funds, the City will need to reject all bids received on March 17, 2020, amend the bridge project's plans and specifications, and readvertise the project; and

WHEREAS, when the City advertised for bids in the first instance it specifically and in writing reserved the right to reject bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to reject all bids received on March 17, 2020 for the construction of the Totem Lake Connector.

<u>Section 2</u>. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to re-advertise for construction bids for the Totem Lake Connector project when all necessary steps associated with the PSRC award have been satisfied.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 2 day of June, 2020.

Signed in authentication thereof this 2 day of June, 2020.

Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

Kathi Anderson, City Clerk