

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: Razing of Structure Located at
15315 Jenkins Ridge Road (Collington Station)
R-63-09

DATE: October 20, 2009

In 2008, a single-family house located at 15315 Jenkins Ridge Road (Collington Station) was destroyed by fire and subsequently condemned by Prince George's County. The structure has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other vermin as well as a safety risk to adjacent properties and pedestrian. The City has made numerous attempts to contact the property owners in an effort to establish their reconstruction intentions to no avail. The City has received complaints from residents regarding safety concerns related to the condemned house as well as its detrimental effects to values of their properties.

Due to the lack of responsiveness by the property owners to take corrective action, the City of Bowie filed for, and was granted, an Entry of Judgment by Default by the Circuit Court of Prince George's County (Case CAE-08-32512). This judgment authorizes the City to raze the structure effectively abating the nuisance conditions.

The Public Works Department received quotes from qualified contractors to raze the structure as per Prince George's County code requirements. Of the five contractors contacted, only two elected to submit proposals. The price quotes were as follows:

Diversified Site Works, LLC Odenton, Maryland	\$17,350
Rapp Contracting, Inc. Beltsville, Maryland	\$18,015

The Public Works Department recommends that Council waive bidding requirements for good cause shown, as allowed by Section 61(b) of the City Charter, to allow for the razing of the single family structure located at 15315 Jenkins Ridge Road by Diversified Site Works, LLC, in the amount of \$17,350. Any and all expenditures associated with the razing of the structure will be placed as a lien against the property to be collected at the sale of the property.

RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF BIDDING REQUIRMENTS BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO
ALLOW FOR THE RAZING OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
15315 JENKINS RIDGE ROAD

WHEREAS, in 2008, a single family house located at 15315 Jenkins Ridge Road (Collington Station) was destroyed by fire and subsequently condemned by Prince George's County; and

WHEREAS, since the fire there has been no attempt by the property owners or the mortgage company to make repairs or raze the structure; and

WHEREAS, the structure has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other vermin as well as a safety risk to adjacent properties and pedestrian; and

WHEREAS, the City has made numerous attempts to contact the property owners in an effort to establish the property owner's reconstruction intentions to no avail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie has received complaints from the residents regarding safety concerns related to the condemned house as well as its detrimental effects to values of their properties; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of responsiveness from the property owners to take corrective action, the City filed for, and was granted, an Entry of Judgment by Default by the Circuit Court of Prince George's County (Case No: CAE-08-33512) to raze the structure, effectively abating the nuisance conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department received price quotes from qualified contractors to raze the structure as per Prince George's County code requirements; and

WHEREAS, after a careful analysis of the proposals received it was determined that Diversified Site Works, LLC of Odenton, Maryland had submitted the most responsive quote in the amount of \$17,350; and

WHEREAS, any and all expenditures associated with the razing of the structure will be placed as a lien against the property to be collected at the sale of the property; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Bowie to expeditiously raze the structure located at 15315 Jenkins Ridge Road thereby reducing the health and safety risk to its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland that the Council, by a two-thirds vote in accordance with Section 61(b) of the Charter, hereby waives bidding requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, that the Council authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Diversified Site Works, LLC in the amount of \$17,350.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on November 16, 2009.

G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Fleming, City Clerk