

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-506  
OCTOBER 6, 1997 AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR  
PARK PAVING PROJECTS**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**DONALD TRIPP  
PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**

**SYNOPSIS —**

City Council authorization is requested to award a sole bid to Des Moines Asphalt & Paving Company in the amount of \$75,650 for parking and roadway improvements at Pioneer Park, McRae Park, and the west side of Greenwood Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

A sole bid for the proposed improvements is \$75,650. Funding is available in the 1997-98 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Index Code No. 401042, for this expense.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval of contract with Des Moines Asphalt & Paving Company in the amount of \$75,650 for paving improvements in three City parks.**

**BACKGROUND —**

On June 16, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-2032, City Council authorized staff to proceed with various park improvement projects, including road, parking lot, sidewalk, and drainage improvements in the 1997-98 CIP. The CIP provides funding for road and parking lot improvements in various parks throughout the City's park system. Staff analyzed various parks to determine the highest priority for road and parking lot repairs. Working with the Public Works Department, the best approach to repair the deteriorated asphalt is a chip seal process at Pioneer Park, McRae Park, and Greenwood Park.

A request was made to the Public Works Department to assist with the proposed repairs. Staff

from Public Works indicated they could not incorporate this project into the current construction season because of their current workload. Therefore, the Purchasing Division was requested to advertise the project to private contractors through the City' s standard procedures. Seven bids were submitted to contractors and only one bid was received for this project.

It is difficult to pinpoint a specific reason why only one contractor submitted a bid for this project. However, this is a relatively small project by comparison to asphalt projects throughout the Des Moines metropolitan area and the asphalt business has been very active this year. The bid by Des Moines Asphalt & Paving Company was approximately \$20,000 greater than the estimate provided by the Public Works Department. However, there are funds available in the CIP budget to fund this expense.