

## **City Council Communication 97-585**

**December 8, 1997 Agenda**

**Subject:**

**Approving Emergency Purchase Order**

**for Security Fencing at 701 Corning**

**Avenue (former Diller Battery Site)**

**Submitted by:**

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City Engineer

**Synopsis —**

An emergency purchase order was prepared to install permanent fencing to secure the former Diller Battery Site at 701 Corning Avenue. The emergency purchase order was issued in the amount of \$10,570 to American Fence Company. The Engineering Department requested fax quotes from three private fencing contractors for 8' high chain-link fence to secure the lead-contaminated site, and two fax quotes were received being:

&#9;American Fence Company&#9;\$10,570

&#9;Des Moines Steel Fence&#9;\$17,287

The specifications given the bidders required that their employees utilize protective boots, gloves, and face masks because of the lead contamination. The City Engineer recommended acceptance of the low bid at \$10,570.

On November 25, 1997, the City Manager declared this fencing an emergency, waived the bidding requirements, and directed the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to American Fence Company in the amount of \$10,570, and to report to the City Council at the next available meeting.

The purchase order was required to be issued on November 25, 1997, to American Fence Company to initiate fencing materials to be ordered for fence construction to begin on December 8, 1997.

**Fiscal Impact —**

Funds are available in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Account 409748, Riverview Park, Page 205, for this emergency purchase order.

**Recommendation —**

**Approve, ratify, and confirm the action of the City Manager, City Engineer, and Purchasing Agent to issue an emergency purchase order in the amount of \$10,570.**

## **Background —**

On November 21, 1997, the City Manager was notified of a Draft Report from the Iowa Department of Public Health concerning the former Diller Battery Site at 701 Corning Avenue, which identified health concerns regarding high lead levels in the soil with a recommendation that the site should be secured.

The Environmental Health Officer issued an emergency health order on November 21, 1997, to owners and occupants comprising the former Diller Battery Site, and to owners and occupants of properties abutting the former Diller Battery Site. The Environmental Health Officer declared a health emergency and ordered that the site be secured from entry by erection of a continuous fencing to limit exposure to lead which may be contained in the soils on the site.

The City Manager directed that the site be immediately secured with temporary construction fencing by staff, and further directed that permanent fencing be constructed as soon as possible.