

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-387

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

AUGUST 23, 1999

SUBJECT:

HIGHLAND PARK
STREETSCAPE
INTERSECTION
IMPROVEMENTS AT
SIXTH AVENUE &
EUCLID AVENUE

On the August 23, 1999 Council Agenda is a roll call for the City of Des Moines to enter into an agreement with Adamson + Associates, Inc. (Doug Adamson, President, 1200 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines, IA 50265) to provide professional services in the preparation of a design development plan for streetscape intersection improvements at Sixth Avenue and Euclid Avenue in the Highland Park Neighborhood. The Purchasing Division received three proposals, which were scored by a team of Community Development staff members. All three scored within two points of each other out of a possible 125 points; therefore staff's recommendation is to go with the least costly proposal, which would be the one submitted by Adamson + Associates.

TYPE:

FISCAL IMPACT -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Funds of \$13,500 from the 1999 CDBG Neighborhood Redevelopment Pool will be used to fund this project.

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

On June 21, 1999 by Roll Call No. 99-1998, the City Council approved the 1999 CDBG Work Program for Neighborhood Redevelopment Program, which allocated \$1,155,500 to be utilized for redevelopment projects in four neighborhoods. One of these projects was \$20,000 to be used for a design development plan for intersection improvements at Sixth Avenue and Euclid Avenue.

The Community Development Department prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) and requested the Purchasing Division to solicit bids from consultants. The Purchasing Division mailed invitations to bid to eight potential consultants, and received bids from three consultants. Staff reviewed the proposals submitted and recommend the selection of Adamson + Associates who submitted the lowest bid.

The streetscape improvements that are envisioned for this intersection include historic lighting, street trees and plantings, street furniture, brick pavers, as well as other streetscape amenities. Once the design development plan is received from the consultant, staff will be using the information supplied to apply for a Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) transportation enhancement grant from the MPO. Staff has already applied for 2000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to be used as a local match for the TEA-21 grant. The Highland Park community is very supportive of this project and is anxious to see improvements made in their historic business district.