

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-465

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 4, 1999

On September 21, 1999, the City received bids for the Witmer Park Path Paving. Only one bid was received which was from Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp. At the Council meeting on September 27, 1999, award of this contract was deferred to October 4, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-3034.

SUBJECT:

WITMER PARK
PATH PAVING

FISCAL IMPACT -

The bid received was for \$16,770. There is sufficient funding for this project in Index Code 401042.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Award of this construction to Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp.

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

The existing path at Witmer Park does not go completely around the pond. The proposed project would overlay the existing path on the east and north sides of the pond, and a new 4" thick trail would be constructed on the west side to create a paved surface around the pond (see attached drawing).

The bid of \$16,770 submitted by Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., was nearly 37 percent above the engineer's estimate of \$12,250 because of access problems, specialized equipment required, and the large amount of hand work necessary for the project.

The Public Works Department reviewed the feasibility of completing the Witmer Park path paving with street paving equipment. Based on their review of the prevailing conditions

at Witmer Park and specifically the narrowness of the existing asphalt path and the existence of natural and constructed barriers alongside the path, Public Works has concluded their equipment is oversized. In addition, the Department's construction schedule remains heavy at this time, and depending on weather, may preclude the completion of the Witmer Park path project in a timely fashion.

Attachment