

Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
01-106	OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
AGENDA:	SYNOPSIS -
MARCH 2, 2001	Approve acceptance of Stitzell Electric Supply Company (107 - 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309-4216, Harry Strong, President and owner) as the lowest qualified bidder for buying lights designed for the Gray's Lake Park Bridge.
SUBJECT:	FISCAL IMPACT -
GRAY'S LAKE BRIDGE LIGHTING PURCHASE	\$26,353
TYPE:	RECOMMENDATION -
<u>RESOLUTION</u>	Approval.
ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	BACKGROUND -
SUBMITTED BY:	A \$1.5 million gift was received by the City from David Kruidenier to construct a lighted bicycle/pedestrian trail around Gray's Lake. When the trail design was changed to include a lighted bridge across a portion of Gray's Lake, Mr. Kruidenier agreed to an extension of the original completion date beyond September 30, 2000. It was anticipated that the bridge would be completed by December 31, 2000. However, the bridge was not completed by this time due to the early winter weather. Meanwhile, final design of the bridge railing and bridge lighting underwent several changes. On January 25, 2001, Mr. Kruidenier communicated to the City that in order to collect on his final gift payment of \$400,000, it would be necessary for the City to complete all elements of the bridge and trail no later than June 1, 2001. On February 20, 2001, a final design for the bridge lighting system was completed.
DONALD M. TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR	At its February 26, 2001 meeting, the City Council approved a one-time waiver of its advertisement policy in order to shorten

the time required to purchase and install the selected lighting fixtures. This was necessary because the lighting selected for the bridge had to be ordered from a manufacturer in California. The lighting manufacturer's representative in Iowa made it clear to City staff that a normal waiting period of 6-8 weeks for receiving a shipment could soon be extended to 12-16 weeks because of the recent energy crisis in California. The lighting manufacturer will also be cutting production shifts from two to one. Thus, the earlier an order can be placed, the more certain Mr. Kruidenier's deadline can be met. In addition, because the installation of the lights has been gifted by Local 347 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, represented by Jerry Granberg, it is doubly important that the installation schedule not be extended further into the busier time of the construction season.

By temporarily waiving the City's advertising requirement and approving the acceptance of the lowest qualified bidder within the accepted time of delivery, a savings of almost two weeks is gained. The time needed to coordinate the mounting of the lighting fixtures with the installation of the bridge railing can be achieved. Bids were solicited from five local vendors who were identified by the manufacturer as the only vendors in the Des Moines area able to supply the selected light fixture. Three bids were received-Stitzell Electric Supply Co., Consolidated Electrical Distributors, and Electrical Engineering & Equipment. Stitzell Electric Supply Co. submitted the lowest bid and has guaranteed delivery within the acceptable time period.