

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**02-111**

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

**AGENDA:**

MARCH 4, 2002

**SUBJECT:**

COURT AVENUE  
BRIDGE OVER DES  
MOINES RIVER  
RAILING REPAIRS -  
CHANGE ORDER  
NO. 1

**SYNOPSIS -**

A deduct change order in the amount of \$11,500 with Western Waterproofing Co., Inc. (William L. Bishop, CEO, 1829 Industrial Circle, West Des Moines, Iowa, 50265) for work on the Court Avenue Bridge over Des Moines River Railing Repairs has been negotiated for a change to delay start of the project from spring 2002 until July 22, 2002. This change order will delay the start until after the four civic events (Bridge Festival, Latino Festival, Arts Festival, and Taste of Des Moines). These events were identified in the contract, and the contractor was required to remove all construction materials from the bridge and secure the railings. Postponing the state date thus saved \$11,500 in mobilization costs.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

This deduct change order will reduce costs in the amount of \$11,500.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.  
CITY ENGINEER

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

On July 9, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-2159, the City Council approved the Chief Civil Engineer's recommendation to reject bids on the Court Avenue Bridge over Des Moines River Railing Repairs project, as no bids were received. The City Engineer recommended rebidding the project in January for construction beginning in spring 2002 and not rebidding immediately, which would force construction of stone and mortar work in late fall 2001.

On January 29, 2002, bids were received for the Court Avenue Bridge over Des Moines River Railing Repairs with three bids received as

follows:

Western Waterproofing Co., Inc.	\$297,500
Technical Specialty	\$357,999
Forrest & Associates	\$562,283

Engineering Department staff discussed the project with the bidders to identify areas where costs could be reduced. This project is restoration of the stone railings, and includes stone replacement, cleaning, patching, and tuckpointing; and as a result there is little potential for reducing costs except for delaying the start of the project until after the four civic events (Bridge Festival, Latino Festival, Arts Festival, and Taste of Des Moines) identified in the contract during which the contractor was required to remove all construction materials from the bridge and secure the railings, thus saving \$11,500 in mobilization costs.

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