

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

02-645

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 16, 2002

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENTS TO
RELOCATE UTILITY
POLES AND
OVERHEAD WIRES
FROM THE 6TH
AVENUE RIGHT OF
WAY BETWEEN E.
EUCLID AVENUE AND
CLINTON AVENUE TO
THE ADJACENT
ALLEYS AS PART OF
THE HIGHLAND PARK
STREETSCAPE
PROJECT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

Authorizing the execution of agreements for relocation of utility poles and overhead wires from the 6th Avenue right-of-way between E. Euclid Avenue and Clinton Avenue to the adjacent alleys as part of the Highland Park Streetscape Project.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Compensation for work covered by the agreements shall not exceed \$44,425.20.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of agreements with MidAmerican Energy Company, Mediacom Cable, Martha L. and Gustave Martinson, David L. Banning, Lawrence W. Rissman, Michael J. and Elizabeth A. Harden, and Linda C. Bisignano.

BACKGROUND —

On April 2, 2001, by Roll Call 01-946, the City Council granted authorization for design services of the Highland Park Streetscape Project.

The Highland Park Streetscape Project includes utility relocation, new sidewalks, street resurfacing, vintage street lighting, landscaping, street furnishings, a historic entry arch and other related improvements. The project focuses on making infrastructure improvements in the Highland Park Historic Business District at the intersection of 6th Avenue and E. Euclid Avenue, which is also State Highway 6. Storm sewer improvements related to this project were completed this fall. The design of the streetscape is nearing completion and construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2003.

The City has negotiated agreements with MidAmerican Energy Company and Mediacom Cable to relocate the utility poles and overhead wires from the 6th Avenue right-of-way between E. Euclid Avenue and Clinton Avenue to the adjacent alleys. Agreements have also been negotiated with affected property owners to revise the electrical service connection point to their building in order to allow MidAmerican Energy to reconnect the electrical service from the alley. Each property owner is responsible to hire an electrical contractor and coordinate the new connection location with

	<p>MidAmerican Energy. The City will reimburse the property owners 40% and the Parks Area Foundation, a nonprofit business organization, 50% of the costs for this work. The property owners will pay the remaining 10%. Utility relocation work is expected to start this winter and be completed by May 1, 2003.</p>
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