

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**03-391**

**AGENDA:**

AUGUST 11, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES  
AGREEMENT FOR  
THE 15<sup>th</sup> STREET  
CORRIDOR  
IMPROVEMENTS

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.  
CITY ENGINEER

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

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

**SYNOPSIS —**

On the August 11, 2003 Council agenda is a roll call to approve and authorize the execution of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for professional services with Snyder & Associates, Inc. (Stephen P. Rowe, President, 501 S.W. Oralabor Road, P.O. Box 1159, Ankeny, Iowa 50021-0974) in conjunction with the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Improvements.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Funding for these services in an amount not to exceed \$21,000 is available in the 2003-04 Capital Improvements Program, Index Code 484345, Account 521020, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project STR191 – Fifteenth Street Corridor Improvements.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Snyder & Associates.**

**BACKGROUND —**

On April 8, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-801, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with Snyder & Associates, Inc. for the design of the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Improvements. This project includes the following subprojects:

- 15<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor: Locust Street to Ingersoll Avenue
- 15<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor: Woodland Avenue to 19<sup>th</sup>/Crocker
- Ingersoll/High Street Corridor: 11<sup>th</sup> Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Woodland Avenue/Sherman Hill Traffic Calming Improvements

On February 10, 2003, by Roll Call No. 03-252, the City Council approved an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for a Surface Transportation Program (STP) project for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street subproject - Locust Street to Ingersoll Avenue. This agreement provides for 80% federal participation, up to a maximum project commitment of \$575,000. On May 20, 2003, IDOT received bids for this project; and on June 9, 2003, the City Council awarded the construction contract to The Underground Company, LTD. in the amount of \$1,463,074.95.

During the right-of-way acquisition process, the City has not been able to

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negotiate a mutually agreeable easement with the United States Postal Service (USPS) at a cost within budget for the easement necessary to construct the project as originally designed. The City does not have the legal authority to acquire the easement from the USPS by eminent domain; therefore, it becomes necessary to work with the USPS to redesign the USPS parking lot and dock area in a manner acceptable to the USPS. Proposed design revisions which have USPS preliminary approval include reducing the grades in the lot, relocating the dock and lift, and removing the retaining wall that currently separates the dock area from the parking area. Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for professional services includes the redesign of this portion of the project and additional construction phase services.

