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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **SUBJECT—**

Approving Plans, Specification, Form of Contract Documents, and Engineer's Estimate on Brody Park Improvements, and Submission of Bids and Designation of Lowest Responsible, Responsive Bidder as Venter Spooner Inc., \$374,792.51.

### **SYNOPSIS—**

Approve the low bid of \$374,792.51 from Venter Spooner Inc. (Daniel Venter, President, 6500 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, Iowa) for the construction of Brody Community School Park.

### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

\$315,000 is currently budgeted for construction within the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget CP040, PKS990000, PKS133 for this project. The low bid for construction from Venter Spooner Inc. was \$374,792.51. To fund the entire project, staff recommends a transfer of \$60,000 in G.O. Bonds from Park Redevelopment, 543080, CP040, PKS990000, PKS100.

### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

## **BACKGROUND—**

On February 18, 2003 and March 12, 2003, the citizen boards of the Des Moines Independent Community School System and the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department approved the Brody Community School Park Plan.

On March 28, 2005, by Roll Call No. 05-654, the City Council approved the receiving of bids and setting the date of hearing for this project.

The City Engineering Department estimated the total cost of construction for this project to be \$310,000. Two responsible bids were received – Venter Spooner Inc. of Johnston at \$374,792.51 and Johnson Concrete of Des Moines at \$386,481.95. There are not sufficient funds budgeted to complete the entire project as bid, so there are options available: (1) Reject all bids and re-bid the project with or without any deletions; or (2) Identify and transfer funds from another project within the existing CIP that will not begin planning, design, or construction until after the start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2005).

The Brody Park Improvements project has been strongly supported by the Des Moines Independent Community School Board as well as the neighborhood. The construction scheduling needs to take advantage of the school summer vacation time for construction. Staff recommends that the project proceed on schedule by exercising option (2). Presently, there is \$75,000 available in the CIP (CP040, PKS990000, PKS100) for planning and design of the Good Park Master Plan. The master planning process is now scheduled to begin in mid-July. An additional \$30,000 is budgeted in the FY06 CIP for Good Park final design. If \$60,000 is utilized now from the Good Park funds, the remaining \$15,000 can be combined with the \$30,000 available after July 1<sup>st</sup> to allow the master planning process for Good Park to remain on schedule in July. Additional funds for the Good Park Master Plan will have to be addressed during the budget revision process in the fall of 2005.

If the project was re-bid, it would not be finished by the start of school in late August and would cause disruption of outdoor activities at the school. If the decision is to re-bid the project, however, staff would recommend delaying construction until the summer of 2006.