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SUBJECT—

Approving Change Order No. 1 (not to exceed \$90,357) and Change Order No. 2 (not to exceed \$44,985) with Larson & Larson Construction, LLC, for additional work on the Western Gateway Improvements project.

SYNOPSIS—

Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$90,357 has been negotiated with Larson & Larson Construction, LLC, Jeffrey C. Larson, President, 10703 Justin Drive, Urbandale, Iowa, 50322, for additional work on the Western Gateway Improvements project, to provide additional work to meet State and City requirements related to the runnel (man-made stream) and to add drinking fountains to the project.

Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$44,985 has been negotiated to provide sod in lieu of seeding throughout the entire project from 10th Street to 15th Street between Locust Street and Grand Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Funds for Change Order Nos. 1 & 2 are provided in the Western Gateway Improvements project, Account 543070, Fund CP065, Organization CMO990000, Project URR027, Activity ID 04-2004-006.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The construction contract was awarded to Larson & Larson Construction, LLC on April 25, 2005 under Roll Call 05-1061 in the amount of \$4,791,938. The original cost estimate for the project was

\$5,350,000. The award was \$548,062 under the estimate. The total cost including Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 is still below the original construction estimate.

The first piece of Change Order No. 1 is for work on the runnel that is mandated by State and City regulations. The consultant had originally designed the runnel as a fountain. The design of the runnel was forwarded to the State upon completion of the contract documents and the State has determined that the runnel constitutes a pool, not a fountain. The State's interpretation of the runnel as a pool was not received until after the construction contract was awarded. This change order will make the necessary modifications to allow additional chlorination and water treatment required for a pool.

Change Order No. 1 also includes addition of drinking fountains and related backflow preventers in the 10th Street to 13th Street area of the park. The drinking fountains are vandal-proof units typically used by the Parks Department.

Change Order No. 2 is for providing sod throughout the park in lieu of seed. Sod is desirable because of several events already planned for the area in the spring of 2006, including the opening of the Library. Sodding the area from 10th to 13th containing the Library and the Pappajohn Higher Education Center will be \$16,959. Sodding the remaining area from 13th to 15th will be \$28,026.