



**Council  
Communication**  
Office of the City Manager

<b>Date</b>	May 8, 2006
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<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b>06-</b>
<b>Communication No.</b>	<b>06-257</b>
<b>Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.</b> City Engineer	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Public hearing; approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's Estimate on Parking Facility Pedestrian Wayfinding Signs; receive and file bids; and designating lowest responsible bidder as KWS, Inc., Rich Muller, President, 1127 Lincoln Street, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613 - \$98,250.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend the City Council hold a public hearing to allow for public input on the Parking Facility Pedestrian Wayfinding Signs and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This is phase two of an overall wayfinding project in cooperation with the Downtown Community Alliance to help the public and out-of-town guests find parking facilities and major regional attractions in the downtown area such as the Science Center, Iowa Events Center, and others.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$98,250 (Construction Contract)

Funding Source: 2006-2007 CIP, Page Parking-5, Parking Facility Exterior Signing, PKG023, various funding, being:

- Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding for 80% of eligible items (\$500,000 maximum), and
- 20% Parking Revenue Bonds

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On April 10, 2006, under Roll Call No. 06-600, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Parking Facility Pedestrian Wayfinding Signs. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the following improvement:

Parking Facility Pedestrian Wayfinding Signs, 04-2006-006

This includes installation of wayfinding signs throughout the downtown area to guide pedestrians to attractions and parking facilities, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 460-115/119, located in downtown Des Moines generally bounded by M.L. King Jr. Parkway to I-235 and Pennsylvania Avenue to 15th Street.

Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

KWS, Inc., Cedar Falls, IA

The bids, in accordance with a previously approved Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement, were received and opened by IDOT on April 18, 2006.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsible, responsive bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by KWS, Inc. in the amount of \$98,250. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: April 10, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-600

Action: Ordering construction of Parking Facility Pedestrian Wayfinding Signs – Receiving of bids, (4-18-06) and Setting Date of Hearing, (5-8-06). (Construction Estimate - \$80,310). (Council Communication No. 06-178) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

Date:

Roll Call Action:

Action:

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.