



**Council  
Communication**  
Office of the City Manager

**Date**

June 5, 2006

**Agenda Item No.** 6B  
**Roll Call No.** 06-  
**Communication No.** 06-339  
**Submitted by:** Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City  
Engineer

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Ordering construction of the following: Gray's Lake Northwest Entrance Modifications - Receiving bids, (6-27-06), and Setting date of hearing, (7-10-06). (Construction Estimate - \$31,000).

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the Gray's Lake Northwest Entrance Modifications, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. Traffic leaving Gray's Lake Park at the northwest entrance presently creates a bottleneck that significantly slows traffic and delays visitors from leaving the park, particularly during times of special events or peak visitation. The current signalized entrance has only two lanes (one lane each direction). Adding a right turning exit lane at this location will greatly increase the capacity of this exit by allowing motorists to do a right turn and travel north on Fleur without the long wait often caused by vehicles turning left to go south on Fleur Drive.

This action sets dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing as required by Iowa Code.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$31,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2006-2007 CIP, Page Park Improvements-7, Gray's Lake Park Improvements, PKS140, FY2006 G. O. Bonds.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Gray's Lake Northwest Entrance Modifications, 11-2006-009. The improvement includes construction of a right turn lane, pedestrian ramp, and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents, including plan file nos. 462-086/093, at the Northwest Entrance to Gray's Lake Park along Fleur Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. The estimated construction cost is \$31,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the City Engineer's Office.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

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**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approve contract and bond. Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.