



**Council
Communication**
Office of the City Manager

Date

July 10, 2006

Agenda Item No. 73
Roll Call No. 06-
Communication No. 06-439
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Gray's Lake northwest entrance modifications: resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Elder Corporation, Jared R. Elder II, President, \$31,500.

SYNOPSIS:

Public hearing to allow for public input on the Gray's Lake northwest entrance modifications and necessary actions (approve the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract documents and engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designation of lowest bidder) to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. Currently, traffic leaving Gray's Lake Park at the northwest entrance 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 entrance does have traffic signals but has only two lanes (one lane each direction). Adding a right-turn exit lane at this location will greatly increase the capacity of this exit by allowing motorists to make a right turn and travel north on Fleur, without the long wait often caused by vehicles at the signal turning left to go south on Fleur Drive. These exit lane modifications will decrease the often-long line of vehicles, as well as reduce the time that visitors will have to wait to exit the park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$31,500 Construction Contract

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On June 5, 2006, under Roll Call No. 06-1075, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Gray's Lake northwest entrance modifications. 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 Gray's Lake northwest entrance modifications. The improvement

includes construction of a right turn lane, pedestrian ramp, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 462-086/093, on the Northwest Entrance to Gray's Lake Park along Fleur Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

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

Elder Corporation, Des Moines, IA
Sheets Excavating, Ltd., Montezuma, IA, bid not read – see attached bid tabulation.

The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on June 27, 2006.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsible, responsive bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Elder Corporation, Jared R. Elder II, President, 5088 E. University Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50327 in the amount of \$31,500. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available as stated above.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 5, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1075

Action: Gray's Lake Northwest Entrance Modifications – Receiving of bids, (6-27-06), and Setting date of hearing, (7-10-06). (Construction Estimate - \$31,000). ([Council Communication No. 06-339](#)). Moved by Kiernan 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.