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Agenda Item No. 7A
Roll Call No. 06-
Communication No. 06-468
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Court Avenue & Walnut Street Two-way Traffic Conversion - Receiving bids, (8-8-06), and Setting date of hearing, (8-21-06). Construction Estimate - \$167,465.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the improvement utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project provides for the conversion of Court Avenue, between 5th Avenue and E. 7th Street, and Walnut Street, between 2nd Avenue and Finkbine Drive, from one-way to two-way traffic flow. This conversion has been recommended in downtown traffic studies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$167,465 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2006-2007 CIP, Page Street-12, Court Avenue Streetscape - Two-way Traffic Conversion, STR225, Being: FY 2006-2007 Tax Increment Funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Court Avenue & Walnut Street Two-way Traffic Conversion, 06-2006-025. The improvement includes constructing P.C.C. base, curb, sidewalks, brick pavers, H.M.A. surfacing, median, irrigation system modifications, traffic signal modifications, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 464-001/036, on Court Avenue between E. 6th Street and 5th Avenue, 5th Avenue at Mulberry Street, Walnut Street at 2nd Avenue, and Walnut Street at E. 6th Street.

The estimated construction cost for said improvement is \$167,465. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the City Engineer's Office.

On May 25, 2006, the Traffic and Transportation Division held a public information meeting to present the background for conversion of one-way streets to two-way traffic, explain the proposal to convert E. Court Avenue and E. Walnut Street to two-way traffic, and receive input and questions. The meeting was well attended, with citizens and representatives from businesses and other property owners. Those who attended the meeting, and those who could not attend but provided input, supported the conversion of both Court Avenue and Walnut Street to two-way traffic to improve traffic circulation and access.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 20, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-404

Action: Court Avenue Two-Way Traffic Study – 2nd Avenue to 5th Avenue Final Report and Recommendations. ([Council Communication No. 06-090](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 22, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-2533

Action: Professional Services Agreement with the Center for Transportation Research and Education for assistance in studying the impact of opening three downtown streets in the Court Avenue area to two-way traffic. ([Council Communication No. 04-592](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Brooks.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: September 20, 2005

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Traffic Safety Committee approved preliminary recommendations.

Date: February 14, 2006

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Traffic Safety Committee approved final report and recommendations.

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.