



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

August 7, 2006

Agenda Item No. 47
Roll Call No. 06-
Communication No. 06-510
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City
Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Northwest Community Center Park Shelter: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, and receive and file bids.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council hold a public hearing to allow for public input on the Northwest Community Center Park Shelter plans and specifications and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to receive and file bids. The shelter will be constructed on City of Des Moines open space, adjacent to the Northwest Community Center, and will serve both visitors to the Center as well as the surrounding community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Low bid of \$114,730

Funding Source: Funding based on the Architect's estimate of \$80,000 is available in 2006-2007 CIP, Page Park 11, Neighborhood Park Improvements, PKS137, Various Funding, Being:

- \$30,000 in FY 2006 G. O. Bonds
- \$50,000 from Polk County in accordance with the Franklin Field Lease Agreement between Polk County and the City of Des Moines.

Because the low bid is almost \$35,000 greater than the budgeted amount for this project, the Park and Recreation Department is recommending that the awarding of the Northwest Community Center Park Shelter project be deferred to the Council meeting on August 21, 2006. This will allow time to review options for providing additional funding to the project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On July 10, 2006, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Northwest Community Center Park Shelter. The decision to construct such a shelter was arrived at through public meetings, which included members of the Waveland Park Neighborhood Association and consultation with representatives from Polk County.

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 Northwest Community Center Park Shelter, 11-2006-025. The improvement includes construction of a park shelter including concrete foundation, sidewalk, masonry pier, steel fabrication and erection, drainage tile and site restoration, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 457-141/145 at Northwest Community Center, 5200 Franklin Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

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

Bergstrom Construction, Inc., Des Moines, IA
Venter Spooner, Inc., Johnston, IA

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 August 1, 2006. At this time, staff recommends to receive and file bids and defer award of the project to August 21, 2006 to allow time to review options for additional funding.

On October 8, 2001, the Des Moines City Council approved the Polk County Senior Center (5200 Franklin Avenue), Franklin Field Lease Agreement, which included a provision that Polk County is to provide to the City \$50,000 for amenities at the Franklin Field site to develop the site for public recreation purposes. This funding will be used toward the construction of the park shelter.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 10, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1299

Action: Ordering Construction of the following: [Northwest](#) Community Center Park Shelter – Receiving of bids, (8-1-06), and Setting date of hearing, (8-7-06). (Construction Estimate - \$80,000). ([Council Communication No. 06-436](#))

Date: October 8, 2001

Roll Call Number: 01-3075

Action: On conveyance of property in Franklin Field, (5200 Franklin), to Polk County, for a 65-year lease, to construct a Senior/Community Center, \$50,000. ([Council Communication No. 01-518](#)).

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

Date:

Roll Call Action:

Action:

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Designation of the lowest responsible bidder, award of contract, partial payments to the contractor, and final acceptance of work.