

	Council Communication Office of the City Manager	Date	August 21, 2006
		Agenda Item No.	51
		Roll Call No.	06-
		Communication No.	06-546
		Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Reject all bids on Northwest Community Center Park Shelter.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids on the Northwest Community Center Park Shelter. On August 7, 2006, the Parks and Recreation Department recommended to the City Council that further action to award contract for the Northwest Community Center Park Shelter project should be deferred to the August 21, 2006 Council meeting in order to allow time to review funding options. On October 8, 2001, under Roll Call Number 01-3075, 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. Parks Department staff has been unable to identify additional funding sources to offset the additional project cost. Since the bids were well above the budget estimate and there is not a critical deadline for the completion of this project, the Parks and Recreation Department is recommending that the project be reviewed for possible cost reductions. The City Engineer recommends that the project design be reviewed to reduce costs, and the project be rebid in February or March 2007 for construction in 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Low bid of \$114,730

Funding Source: Funding based on architects estimate of \$80,000 is 2006-2007 CIP, Page Park 11, Neighborhood Park Improvements, PKS137, Various Funding, Being: \$30,000 in FY-2006 G. O. Bonds and \$50,000 from Polk County in accordance with the Franklin Field Lease Agreement between Polk County and the City of Des Moines

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On July 10, 2006, under Roll Call No. 06-1299, 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. On August 7, 2006, under Roll Call No. 06-

1606, the City Council held and closed the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost for said improvement; and also received and filed bids from Bergstrom Construction, Inc., Des Moines, IA and Venter Spooner, Inc., Johnston, IA as shown on the attached tabulation of bids for said improvement, which 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.

The proposed shelter is designed for construction on City of Des Moines open space adjacent to the Northwest Community Center to serve both visitors to the Center as well as the surrounding community. The decision to construct such a shelter was arrived at through public meetings that included members of the Waveland Park Neighborhood Association and consultation with representatives from Polk County.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 7, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1606

Action: [On](#) Northwest Community Center Park Shelter: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents and engineer's estimate. ([Council Communication No. 06-510](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: July 10, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1299

Action: [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](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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](#)). Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

Date:

Roll Call Action:

Action:

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Council action in February or March 2007 to establish bid and hearing dates for construction in 2007.