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Agenda Item No.	48
Roll Call No.	06-
Communication No.	06-693
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on SE Connector - Elm Street Pavement Removals and Levee Reconstruction: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Cramer and Associates, Inc., Robert Cramer, President/CAO, \$349,173.10.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the SE Connector - Elm Street Pavement Removals and Levee Reconstruction and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The project includes removal of the existing levee adjacent to Elm Street between SW 2nd Street and Water Street, removal of Elm Street pavement, and limited pavement removal in Water Street to allow archaeological investigations to occur. The project provides construction of a concrete floodwall to replace the levee and minimize the impact to parking at Principal Park, temporary pavement for Elm Street and patching of Water Street following archaeological clearance. This work will also allow the use of Elm Street after archaeological clearance until construction of the Southeast Connector Bridge over the Des Moines River begins late next year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$349,173.10 Construction Contract (Construction Estimate - \$312,332.50)

Funding Source: 2006-2007 CIP, Page Street-40, Southeast Connector - S.W. Second to S.E. Sixth Street, STR214, Various Funding, Being: 80% (\$279,338.48) Federal STP funds for Construction Contract Costs only and 20% (\$69,834.62) TIF-backed G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On October 9, 2006, under Roll Call No. 06-1949, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the SE Connector - Elm Street Pavement Removals and Levee Reconstruction. 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 construction of the SE Connector - Elm Street Pavement Removals and Levee Reconstruction, 06-2006-020. The improvement includes removal of the existing earth levee and replacement with a 317 linear feet Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) retaining wall; complete removal and replacement of Elm Street with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement; the coordination with an onsite archeological investigation; provision of all the equipment and labor necessary to backfill the archeological site excavations; construction of PCC curb and gutter, PCC

sidewalk, and PCC street patches; along with the necessary earthwork, street and sidewalk removal, seeding and sodding, silt fence, traffic control, and pavement markings; all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 462-124/145, along Elm Street and Water Street in Des Moines, Iowa. The archaeological investigations are necessary to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Programmatic Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration, Iowa Department of Transportation, and Iowa State Historic Preservation Office approved by the City Council on September 11, 2006, under Roll Call 06-1829.

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

Cramer and Associates, Inc., Des Moines, IA
Herberger Construction Co., Inc., Indianola, IA
United Contractors, Inc., Johnston, IA
Jensen Construction Co., Des Moines, IA
Peterson Contractors Inc., Reinbeck, IA

The bids, in accordance with a previously approved Iowa DOT Agreement, were received and opened by the Iowa DOT on October 17, 2006.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsible, responsive bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Cramer and Associates, Inc., Robert Cramer, President/CAO, 990 NE 44th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50313 in the amount of \$349,173.10. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available as stated above.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 9, 2006

Roll Call Number: [06-1949](#)

Action: Ordering construction of SE Connector-Elm Street Pavement Removals and Levee Reconstruction – Receiving of bids, (10-17-06), and Setting date of hearing, (11-6-06). (Construction Estimate - \$312,332.50). ([Council Communication No. 06-650](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: September 11, 2006

Roll Call Number: [06-1829](#)

Action: Programmatic Agreement with Federal Highway Administration, Iowa Department of Transportation, and Iowa State Historic Preservation Office in conjunction with the Southeast Connector Urban Arterial Projects and Associated Features to define the process for identifying, evaluating and treating historical properties and archeological resources. ([Council Communication No. 06-570](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: April 10, 2006

Roll Call Number: [06-601](#)

Action: Approving Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for pavement removal, levee removal/reconstruction and other work to facilitate archaeological investigation for the Southeast Connector from SW 2nd to Water Streets. ([Council Communication No. 06-182](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.