



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

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Agenda Item No. 7A  
Roll Call No. 06-  
Communication No. 06-761  
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.  
City Engineer

## AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Downtown Parking System Wayfinding Signage - Phase 2 - Receiving bids, (12-19-06), and Setting date of hearing, (1-8-07). Construction Estimate - \$437,561.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the improvement utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This is the final phase of a comprehensive Wayfinding project that has been done in cooperation with the Downtown Community Alliance to help Des Moines residents and visitors find parking facilities and major regional attractions in the downtown area. This phase includes installation of signage that will direct people to the City parking facilities. The signage will notify drivers in advance when the parking garage is full and guide them to the next garage with available parking. The City Council should set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing as required by Iowa Code.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$437,561 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2006-2007 CIP, Page PKG-5, Parking Facility Exterior Signing, PKG023, Various Funding, Being: \$87,512.20 in Parking Revenue from PKG023 and \$350,048.80 in Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and a City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Downtown Parking System Wayfinding Signage - Phase 2, 04-2006-007. The improvement includes installation of signage that will direct people to City parking facilities. The signage will notify drivers in advance when the parking garage is full and guide them to the next garage with available parking. All work will be done in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 471-91/131, located in the downtown area from M.L. King Jr. Parkway to I-235 and Penn Avenue to 15th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost for said improvement is \$437,561. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the City Engineer's Office.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 8, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-934

Action: [On](#) Parking Facility Pedestrian Wayfinding Signs: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's estimate, and designating lowest responsible bidder as KWS, INC., (Rich Muller, President), \$98,250. ([Council Communication No. 06-257](#)) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 8, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-935

Action: [Approving](#) contract and bond. Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 10, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-600

Action: [Parking](#) Facility Pedestrian Wayfinding Signs – Receiving of bids, (4-18-06) and Setting Date of Hearing, (5-8-06). (Construction Estimate - \$80,310). ([Council Communication No. 06-178](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**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.