



Council
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Date

March 12, 2007

Agenda Item No. 15
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-131
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.,**
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements for the Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape Project by gift, negotiation, or condemnation.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to acquire necessary right-of-way and easements for the above project. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the right-of-way acquisition process under eminent domain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,500 estimated for right-of-way acquisition

Funding Source: 2006-07 CIP, Street Improvements, Page 24, Ingersoll Streetscape Improvements 28th – 31st, STR221.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project from the 28th Street intersection to the 31st Street intersection includes planting, lighting, street trees, street furniture, signage and traffic calming improvements. The pilot project is an outcome of a two-year planning effort with the Ingersoll Area Association and the surrounding neighborhood associations. This effort culminated in the development of the Ingersoll Avenue Improvement Plan. The neighborhood has raised funds for a portion of this project, as well as approved a Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) for long-term maintenance.

Several temporary easements will be needed to reconstruct driveway approaches and several permanent easements are needed for storm sewer improvements that will be made in conjunction with this project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 12, 2007

Roll Call Numbers: 07-270

Action: [Establishing](#) the Ingersoll Avenue Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID), and providing for the establishment of a capital improvement and operation fund, and levy of an annual tax. ([Council Communication No. 07-067](#)) Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 6-0. Mayor Cownie declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.

Date: February 12, 2007

Roll Call Numbers: 07-271

Action: [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above, (waiver requested by City Manager), requires 6 votes. Moved by Hensley that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#14,628](#). Motion Carried 6-0. Mayor Cownie declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.

Date: August 7, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1554

Action: Authorizing City Engineer to issue Notice to Proceed to Douglas Hoerr Landscape Architecture, Inc. for Phase 3 (Design and Development) and Phase 4 (Bidding Phase) of Professional Services Agreement for the Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape Project. ([Council Communication No. 06-502](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: October 24, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2597

Action: Professional Services Agreement with Douglas Hoerr Landscape Architecture Inc. (Douglas Hoerr, Principal, Chicago, IL) for the Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape Project, not to exceed \$238,655. ([Council Communication No. 05-594](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: December 7, 2006

Roll Call Number: NA

Action: The Plan and Zoning Commission approved the evaluative report and recommended approval of the Ingersoll Avenue SSMID.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE