



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 6
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-413
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Woodland Cemetery Ornamental Fence - Receiving bids, (7-24-07), and Setting date of hearing, (8-6-07). (Construction Estimate - \$163,500).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project provides for the construction of an ornamental fence along the east side of Woodland Cemetery from the end of the existing ornamental fence near Center Street north to the north end of the cemetery near Olive Street. The ornamental fence includes fourteen masonry piers and 775 feet of ornamental black painted steel fence between the masonry piers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$163,500 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2007-2008 CIP, Page Park-6, Cemetery Infrastructure and Improvements, PKS138, G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway from Ingersoll Avenue to Center Street project included a much enhanced fence treatment along the east side of Woodland Cemetery where ML King abutted the cemetery from Woodland Avenue to the north approximately 1320 feet. This enhanced fence was constructed of painted-steel ornamental fence and brick bollards. The remaining original cemetery fence, which was not replaced as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway project, is 6 foot galvanized chain link fence and is in poor repair. The fence is broken in places and has many trees and shrubs growing through the chain link. In addition, staff has received complaints regarding the appearance of the fence.

It is visually apparent that a new fence must be built and staff recommends that it be of the same materials as the section of enhanced fence described above. The proposed project includes 775 feet of ornamental fence to complete the fence to Olive Street. Installation of the new fence will require the removal of five existing trees. Park and Recreation staff have consulted with Forestry and determined that a couple of the tree are meshed with the existing chain link fence and, thus, need to be removed. The remaining trees are damaged and unlikely to survive much longer. Park and Recreation and Forestry crews will remove the trees.

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Woodland Cemetery Ornamental Fence, 11-2007-018. The improvement includes the construction of 14 masonry piers and the installation of 775 feet of ornamental painted steel fence along the east side of the Woodland Cemetery adjacent to the west right-of-way line of the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, from approximately the north right-of-way line of Center Street to the south right-of-way line of Olive Street. This contract also includes the reinstallation of 40 feet of an existing 6 foot high vinyl clad chain link fence, the installation of a 20 foot wide service gate constructed of 2-10 foot wide chain link fence gate panels, the removal of 775 feet of existing chain link fence, the addition of a construction sign, and the purchase and delivery of extra fence panels and mounting hardware; all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 479-136/138 along the east property line of Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$163,500. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the City Engineer's Office.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.