



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Roll Call No. 07-  
Communication No. 07-485  
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## AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Union Park Parking Lot - Phase 1 - Receiving bids, (8-28-07), and Setting date of hearing, (9-10-07). (Construction Estimate - \$196,536).

## 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. These improvements are the first phase in the implementation of the North Union Park Site Development Plan. That plan, completed for the Park and Recreation Department by Dunbar/Jones in August 2006, was based on input gathered from the Union Park Neighborhood Association, Park and Recreation staff, and the Police Department. One of the main concerns raised by everyone was the poor design, location, and safety of the existing parking lot between the Heritage Carousel and the Rocket Slide. These issues along with the problems caused by large groups congregating in the parking lot were the subjects of the recent public complaints to the Council. It is the hope of the Park and Recreation Department that this construction will help alleviate these issues.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$196,536 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2007-2008 CIP, Page Park-19, Park Redevelopment, PKS100, G. O. Bonds

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Union Park Parking Lot - Phase 1, 11-2007-010. The Union Park Parking Lot - Phase 1 improvements will remove a portion of the existing parking lot at the north end of Union Park and reconfigure the parking lot with reconstruction of two separate parking lots near the shelter and wading pool including resurfacing, new curb & gutter, new sidewalks, storm sewer, landscaping, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 480-031/050, at Union Park near Saylor Road and Guthrie Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$196,536. 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.