



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

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Agenda Item No. 5A
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-663
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Court Avenue Streetscape Rehabilitation - Receiving bids, (11-20-07), and Setting date of hearing, (12-3-07). (Construction Estimate - \$719,412.50).

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. The Court Avenue Streetscape was originally constructed in 1986. A consultant was retained in 2006 to prepare an assessment of the condition of the streetscape and its various elements. The assessment identified several elements in need of improvement including the following:

- Several trees need to be replaced.
- Tree grates need to be replaced with larger planting beds that could be landscaped with a variety of shrubs and perennials for seasonal interest.
- Paving and hardscape areas are in need of repair.
- The area needs a coordinated palette of street furniture including trash receptacles, benches, planters, bike racks, and newspaper stand screens.
- The existing lighting on Court Avenue is functionally inefficient and aesthetically unappealing, and should be replaced.

This project includes streetscape improvements to coincide with recent development in the district. The project began in 2006 with conversion of Court Avenue and Walnut Street to two-way traffic flow.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$719,412.50 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2007-2008 CIP, Page Street-12, Court Ave Streetscape - Two-way Traffic Conversion, STR225, Various Funding, Being: \$100,000 in private funds from Court Avenue District Housing Fund LLC with the remainder in Tax Increment Funds from STR225.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Court Avenue Streetscape Rehabilitation, 04-2007-013. The improvement includes removing tree grates, constructing planters, landscaping, removing and replacing street and pedestrian lights, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 478-008/037 on Court Avenue from Water Street to 5th Avenue and on 4th Street from Vine Street to Walnut Street.

The estimated construction cost is \$719,412.50. 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 7, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-840](#)

Action: Approving Professional Services Agreement for the following: [Design](#) and construction phase services for Court Avenue Streetscape Rehabilitation, Brian Clark and Associates, not to exceed \$80,000. ([Council Communication No. 07-264](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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.