



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date December 3, 2007

Agenda Item No. 43
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-720
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Court Avenue Streetscape Rehabilitation: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Baker Electric, Inc., Britt Baker, CEO, \$626,358.41.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend to hold a public hearing to allow for public input on the Court Avenue Streetscape Rehabilitation and to take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. 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 recommended the following improvements:

- 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.

The 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: \$626,358.41 Construction Contract (\$719,412.50 City Engineer's Estimate)

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On November 5, 2007, under Roll Call No. 07-2109, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Court Avenue Streetscape Rehabilitation. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and 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.

Sealed bids for the improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Baker Electric, Inc., Des Moines, IA
T K Concrete Inc., Pella, IA
Concrete Technologies, Inc., Urbandale, IA
Castle Concrete Services Inc., Johnston, IA
The Hansen Company, Inc., Johnston, IA
Rochon Corporation of Iowa, Inc., Urbandale, IA - Bid not read

The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on November 20, 2007.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Baker Electric, Inc., Britt Baker, CEO, 111 Jackson Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50315 in the amount of \$626,358.41 and recommends that the bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 5, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-2109

Action: Ordering construction of the following: [Court](#) Avenue Streetscape Rehabilitation – Receiving of bids, (11-20-07), and Setting date of hearing, (12-3-07). (Construction Estimate - \$719,412.50). ([Council Communication No. 07-663](#)) **Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.