



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 45
Roll Call No. 08-
Communication No. 08-263
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on American Discovery Trail - Segment 4: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., J M Yonker, President, 12021 NW 54th Avenue, Grimes, IA, 50111, \$541,494.65.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the American Discovery Trail - Segment 4 and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for the construction of a 12' wide trail from the south side of Gray's Lake along the abandoned railroad right-of-way to S.W. 30th Street. At S.W. 30th Street the trail changes to 10' in width and continues northerly along the west side of S.W. 30th Street to Water Works Park. The trail will then continue through Water Works Park to connect to the Bill Riley Trail at the bridge over the Raccoon River. This project will provide an important connection in the City's trail system.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$541,494.65 Construction Contract (\$715,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2007-2008 CIP, Page Parks-22, Recreation Trails, PKS045, being: \$108,298.93 in G. O. Bonds and \$433,195.72 in Federal Surface Transportation Program (SPT) Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds for 80% of eligible construction cost (Maximum \$573,090)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On June 20, 2005, under Roll Call 05-1577, the City Council approved and authorized the execution of an agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Fleur Trail Connector, and a Chapter 28E agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Board of Water Works Trustees of the City of Des Moines for construction and funding of the Fleur Trail Underpass project. Bids for this project were received by IDOT on October 18, 2005. On December 5, 2005, under Roll Call 05-2421, the City Council rejected all bids because the low bid of \$1,032,017.20 exceeded the project budget and Des Moines Water Works was unable to obtain sufficient donations to fund the local share of the project.

On February 7, 2007, under Roll Call 07-178, the City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate a Termination Agreement of the Chapter 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Board of Water Works Trustees of the City of Des Moines for the construction and funding of the Fleur Trail

Underpass project. This roll call also authorized the Mayor to submit a request to IDOT to terminate the Fleur Trail Connector project and reallocate the project funding.

On June 4, 2007, the City Council approved a revised IDOT Agreement to reallocate funding from the Fleur Trail Connector Project to the American Discovery Trail – Segment 4 Project. IDOT agreed to reallocate the project funding to a recreation trail project that accomplishes the same goal as originally envisioned. The American Discovery Trail – Segment 4 project will connect the Meredith Trail at the southeast corner of Gray's Lake to the Bill Riley Trail in Water Works Park. The City has purchased the abandoned railroad right-of-way north of Thomas Beck Road and Bell Avenue for the future Southwest Connector project. Segment 4 of the American Discovery Trail is proposed to be located on the northern edge of the abandoned railroad right-of-way and will be able to go under Fleur Drive, utilizing the existing viaduct over the railroad tracks. The trail will extend from the existing Meredith Trail westerly to S.W. 30th Street, and then proceed northerly along S.W. 30th Street to Water Works Park. This project would link Gray's Lake Park and Water Works Park as originally intended.

On April 7, 2008, under Roll Call No. 08-544, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the American Discovery Trail - Segment 4. 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 American Discovery Trail - Segment 4, 11-2007-015. The improvement includes constructing a 10-foot-wide hot mix asphalt trail 6-inches thick on 4-inches of modified subbase, and also a 12-foot-wide hot mix asphalt trail 4-inches thick on 4-inches of treated recycled asphalt millings, earthwork, clearing and grubbing, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 486-014/081, on the American Discovery Trail Segment 4 - from the existing Bill Riley Bridge over the Raccoon River to the Meredith Trail on the southeast side of Gray's Lake, Des Moines, Iowa.

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

Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., Grimes, IA
OMG Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Des Moines Asphalt & Paving, Des Moines, IA
Sheets Excavating, Ltd., Montezuma, IA

The bids, in accordance with a previously approved IDOT Agreement, were received and opened by IDOT on April 15, 2008. The attached tabulation of bids by the IDOT for said improvement be and is hereby received, and filed.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp. in the amount of \$541,494.65, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 7, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-544

Action: Ordering construction of the following: American Discovery Trail – Segment 4 – Receiving of bids, (4-15-08), and Setting date of hearing, (5-5-08). (Construction Estimate - \$715,000). (Council Communication No. 08-191) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: June 4, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1044

Action: Approving the revised Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement to reallocate funding from the Fleur Trail Connector Project to the American Discovery Trail – Segment 4 Project. (Council Communication No. 07-323) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: February 7, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-178

Action: Authorizing request to IDOT to terminate IDOT Agreement for Fleur Underpass Project, and reallocation of funding; and authorizing negotiations and termination of 28E Agreement with Water Works for the same project. (Council Communication No. 07-075) Moved by Coleman adopt, and refer to City Manager to review alternatives to this project. Motion Carried 4-3.

Date: December 5, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2927

Action: Resolution to REJECT all bids on Fleur Trail Connector (deferred from November 21 meeting). Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 5-1-1. Pass: Coleman. Absent: Hensley.

Date: June 20, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1577

Action: Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Fleur Trail Connector/Underpass and Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with Des Moines Water Works. (Council Communication No. 05-349) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: September 10, 2007

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: The Des Moines Water Works Board of Trustees approved the termination of the Intergovernmental 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Water Works for Fleur Trail Connector/Underpass.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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