



**Council
Communication**
Office of the City Manager

Date	May 19, 2008
Agenda Item No.	7
Roll Call No.	<u>08-</u>
Communication No.	<u>08-310</u>
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) RISE Agreement for High Street Improvements.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of IDOT Agreement No. 2008-R-020 for Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) project funding for the High Street Improvements. RISE funds in the amount of 50 percent of the total project costs, up to \$2,588,456 of RISE funds, have been approved by the IDOT Commission for this project. The City will be responsible for the remaining 50 percent of project costs, including the design, inspection and construction administration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$5,176,913

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$2,588,456 IDOT RISE Funds
- \$2,000,000 Polk County
- \$ 588,457 City TIF - 2008-09 CIP, Street Improvements- Page 18, High Street Realignment – 10th Street to 14th Street, STR204

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On September 24, 2007, by Roll Call 07-1890, City Council authorized negotiation with Wellmark on the construction of a new corporate headquarters. As one of the terms, the City is required to construct a major realignment of High Street to allow for a more efficient design of the Wellmark corporate headquarters and parking garage. Also on September 24, 2007, by Roll Call 07-1891, the Council authorized staff to submit an application to the Iowa DOT for a RISE grant to help pay for the costs of the realignment and reconstruction of High Street.

On November 6, 2007, the IDOT Commission approved the City's RISE application, and awarded a RISE grant for 50 percent of the total cost of eligible project costs, up to a maximum amount of \$2,588,456. The IDOT has prepared a standard RISE agreement for the use of these funds to complete the High Street realignment improvements.

On February 11, 2008, by Roll Call No. 08-210, City Council authorized the acquisition, by gift, negotiation, or condemnation, of the right-of-way required to construct this project and approved the fair

market values for multiple properties. The City is proceeding with the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and the design of the High Street improvements, in accordance with these Council actions. Construction of the first phase of High Street, from 12th Street to 10th Street, is scheduled for summer and fall of 2008. Remaining phases of High Street will be constructed in 2009 and 2010, to coincide with the construction schedule for the Wellmark building project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 5, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-834

Action: [Letter](#) of Agreement with Polk County for grant to be used for realignment of High Street, 11th Street and 14th Street for Wellmark's new home office facility. ([Council Communication No. 08-276](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: February 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-210

Action: [Establishing](#) fair market value and authorizing acquisition of multiple properties for the High Street Realignment – 10th Street to 14th Street Project. ([Council Communication No. 08-062](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: September 24, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1891

Action: [Approving](#) RISE application to reconstruct High Street from 10th to 14th Streets and to realign the 12th Street intersection. Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Normal actions for award of the construction contract for the work.

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