



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

July 28, 2008

Agenda Item No. 52
Roll Call No. 08-
Communication No. 08-446
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on 2008-09 Sidewalk Program: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc., Steve J. Rutt, President, \$65,752.50.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the 2008-09 Sidewalk Program and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The City Council has received requests for sidewalk to be constructed on parts of SE 14th Street and State Avenue. On May 19, 2008, under Roll Call Number 08-910, the City Council approved the Resolution of Necessity for construction sidewalk on those parts of SE 14th Street and State Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$65,752.50 Construction Contract (\$53,685 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2008-2009 CIP, Page Sidewalk-7, School Routes and Priority Sidewalks, STR081, Being: Special Assessments against benefited property owners and G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On June 23, 2008, under Roll Call No. 08-1095, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the 2008-09 Sidewalk Program. 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 2008-09 Sidewalk Program, 09-2008-003. The improvement includes construction of Class 'B' Portland cement concrete sidewalk, four(4) inches thick, (six(6) inches through driveways), together with all appurtenances in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 490-120/123, at SE 14th Street from McKinley Avenue to Cummins Road (west side) and State Avenue from E. 32nd Street to E. 33rd Street (both sides), Des Moines, Iowa.

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

Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc., LeCenter, MN

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

July 15, 2008. Only one bid was received from Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc., which was 22% over the Engineer's estimate. Staff contacted five companies that normally bid sidewalk construction work for the City of Des Moines to determine why they did not submit a bid on this project. Four of the companies stated that they were overbooked and had adequate work for the rest of this construction season, and one company indicated that it was changing bonding companies and could not get a bond for this project.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of the improvement was submitted by Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc., Steve J. Rutt, President, 39352 221st Avenue, LeCenter, MN, 56057 in the amount of \$65,752.50, and the bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for the improvement.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 23, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1095

Action: Ordering construction of the following: 2008-09 Sidewalk Program – Receiving of bids (7-15-08), and Setting date of hearing, (7-28-08). (Construction Estimate – \$53,685). (Council Communication No. 08-381) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 19, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-910

Action: On adoption of the proposed Resolution of Necessity for sidewalk improvements for the following:

SE 14th Street (west side except where sidewalk exists) from McKinley Avenue to Cummins Road – Staff recommends Council, close the public hearing and adopt the Resolution of Necessity for this sidewalk. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 19, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-914

Action: Authorization for acquisition of right-of-way. (Council Communication No. 08-294) Moved by Mahaffey 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.

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