Council	Date	March 23, 2009
Communication Office of the City Manager		

# AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Cownie Soccer Fields Improvements - Phase 2: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Elder Corporation, (Jared R. Elder II, President), \$391,999.99.

### SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Cownie Soccer Fields Improvements - Phase 2 and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The improvement includes repair of flood damage and upgrading two soccer fields including grading, subdrain installation, drainage improvements, sodding, irrigation, and restoration.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

<u>Amount:</u> \$391,999.99 Construction Contract (\$477,500 City Engineer's Estimate)

<u>Funding Source</u>: 2009-2010 CIP, Page Parks-25, Soccer Complex, PKS159, Being: G. O. Bonds with the fund transfers into PKS159 as shown in the Recommended 2009-2010 CIP

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Parks and Recreation Department has placed a high priority on maintenance and improvements at the Cownie Soccer Complex. Last spring, the Engineering Department began designing a subdrainage system that would allow the playing fields to recover more quickly from wet conditions, minimizing delays during tournaments. Cancellations of tournaments due to wet fields and turf reestablishment have been a growing concern with Parks staff. For the first time since the complex was opened in 1998, this concern became a reality when a Spring 2008 tournament was canceled. Now that the soccer complex is over 10 years old, other issues also need to be evaluated including the hydraulic irrigation system, cross-slope of fields, and settling of playing surface. With the extensive damage to the turf from the 2008 floods, staff recommended upgrading the soccer fields to today's standards including upgrading the irrigation controls with a low-voltage system prior to the restoration of the sod. On September 8, 2008, under Roll Call 08-1618, the City Council awarded a contract for these upgrades on fields 1-5. The Parks Department also reseeded fields 9-12 in the fall 2008 for use next spring during tournaments as those fields sustained the least amount of flood damage to the turf. Spring tournaments can typically be hosted on eight fields.

Fields 6 and 7 are included in this proposed contract. Work will include grading, subdrain installation, drainage improvements, sodding, irrigation, and restoration, and will be similar to the upgrade that was done last fall on fields 1-5. It is the Parks Department's recommendation to continue this upgrade and restoration next summer on the remaining five fields in the complex, and a similar subdrain system would be installed on fields 8-12.

In 2009, the Iowa Soccer Association in conjunction with the City of Des Moines, Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau and West Des Moines Soccer Club will bid to host the 2011 U.S. Youth Soccer Regional Championships. This event, which has been hosted previously by Des Moines in 2003 and 2007, draws over 212 teams, 15,000 players, and fans from 14 states. It provides an estimated \$7 million economic impact to the Greater Des Moines economy.

On February 23, 2009, under Roll Call No. 09-260, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Cownie Soccer Fields Improvements - Phase 2. 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 Cownie Soccer Fields Improvements - Phase 2, 11-2009-003. The improvement includes earthwork, sodding, subdrain installation, drainage improvements and restoration; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 495-133/138 at the Cownie Soccer Complex, 2200 E. Hartford Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

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

Elder Corporation, Des Moines, IA Vanderpool Construction, Inc., Indianola, IA Smith Seeding, Inc., Eldridge, 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 March 10, 2009.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of the improvement was submitted by Elder Corporation, Jared R. Elder II, President, 5088 E. University Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50327 in the amount of \$391,999.99, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for the improvement as stated above.

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: February 23, 2009

#### Roll Call Number: 09-260

<u>Action</u>: Ordering construction of the following: <u>Cownie</u> Soccer Fields Improvements – Phase 2: Receiving of bids, (3-10-09), and Setting date of hearing, (3-23-09). (Construction Estimate - \$477,500). (<u>Council Communication No. 09-121</u>) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion carried 7-0.

Date: September 8, 2008

#### Roll Call Number: 08-1617

<u>Action</u>: <u>On</u> Cownie Soccer Fields Improvements – Phase 1: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's Estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder as Smith Seeding, Inc., (John E. Smith, President), \$684,930. (<u>Council Communication No. 08-555</u>) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Coleman.

Date: September 8, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1618

<u>Action</u>: <u>Approving</u> contract and bond and permission to sublet. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Coleman.

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

#### ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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