



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 7
Roll Call No. 09-
Communication No. 09-580
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Principal Riverwalk - Walnut Street to Grand Avenue, West Side - Receiving bids, (8-18-09), and Setting date of hearing, (9-14-09). (Construction Estimate - \$2,482,418).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project will include construction on the river side of the levee along the west bank of the Des Moines River from Walnut Street to Grand Avenue, and also the plaza on the land side of the levee between Walnut Street and Locust Street in front of the Old Library. The project construction includes the multi-purpose trail, floodwall, irrigation and lighting, plaza and promenade pavers. Construction of the plaza and promenade adjacent to the YMCA will be deferred, pending the proposed redevelopment of that property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,482,418, City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2009-2010 CIP, Page Park-23, Principal Riverwalk, PKS162, Being: \$2,482,418 (\$2,856,610 maximum) in Federal Stimulus Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for construction costs only, with any construction overage from Iowa State Recreation Trail funding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A number of transportation related projects were submitted to and approved by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Executive Committee at their January 29, 2009 meeting for funding under the ARRA. The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) also requested submittal of recreational trails projects for possible ARRA funding. The funding request for Principal Riverwalk was approved by both the MPO and IDOT. The MPO allocated \$1,653,000 and the IDOT allocated \$873,235. The two allocations are being combined with State Recreational Trail funding to construct the west side of the Principal Riverwalk between Walnut Street and Grand Avenue.

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Principal Riverwalk - Walnut Street to Grand Avenue, West Side, 11-2009-011. The improvement includes construction of a 12-foot-wide recreational trail and

other amenities including precast concrete pavers, stone paving, concrete pedestrian pavement, HMA pavement, landscaping, floodwall and other related items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 503-047/176 to be constructed along the west bank of the Des Moines River from Walnut Street to Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$2,482,418. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the City Engineer's Office.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 20, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-608

Action: Approving execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for Principal Riverwalk-Walnut/Grand Avenue West. (Council Communication No. 09-239) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 6, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-520

Action: Approving Professional Services Agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for the following Principal Riverwalk items: (A) Design and construction phase services for Principal Riverwalk Walnut to Grand-West, not to exceed \$325,333.17. (Council Communication No. 09-205) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 27, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1830

Action: Approving execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for the Principal Riverwalk Kiosk and Trail. (Council Communication No. 08-644). Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

http://www.dmgov.org/mayor_council/agendas/2008_as/blue/08-644.htm

Date: November 19, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-2267

Action: Project Cooperation Agreement with Department of the Army for construction of Phase I of the Principal Riverwalk and approving agreement with Principal Life Insurance Company and The Des Moines River Front Development Authority for responsibility of Non-Federal Sponsor financial obligations and work related to the Principal Riverwalk. (Council Communication No. 07-680) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 24, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2600

Action: Vision Iowa Program Grant Award Agreement for the construction of the Rediscovering the Rivers Project including the Principal Riverwalk and Meredith Riverpoint Trail. (Council Communication No. 05-596) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder and approve contract and bond; also, partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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