



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. **69**
Roll Call No. **09-**
Communication No. **09-660**
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Principal Riverwalk - Walnut Street to Grand Avenue, West Side: 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, \$2,849,000.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Principal Riverwalk - Walnut Street to Grand Avenue, West Side and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project will include construction on the riverside of the levee along the west bank of the Des Moines River from Walnut Street to Grand Avenue, and the plaza on the landside 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: \$2,849,000 Construction Contract (\$2,482,418 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2009-2010 CIP, Page Park-23, Principal Riverwalk, PKS162, \$2,849,000 (\$2,856,610 previous 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, the IDOT allocated \$873,235, and \$330,375 has been reallocated. These allocations are being combined with State Recreational Trail funding to construct the west side of the Principal Riverwalk between Walnut Street and Grand Avenue.

On August 10, 2009, under Roll Call No. 09-1414, the City Council received and filed 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. 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 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.

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

Elder Corporation, Des Moines, IA
Cramer and Associates, Inc., Grimes, IA
The Hansen Company, Inc., Johnston, IA
Peterson Contractors Inc., Reinbeck, IA

The bids, in accordance with a previously approved Iowa DOT Agreement, were received and opened by the Iowa DOT on August 18, 2009.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Elder Corporation, Jared R. Elder II, President, 5088 E. University Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50327 in the amount of \$2,849,000, 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: August 10, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1414](#)

Action: [Ordering](#) construction of Principal Riverwalk – Walnut Street to Grand Avenue, West Side: Receiving of bids, (8-18-09), and Setting date of hearing, (9-14-09). (Construction Estimate - \$2,482,418). ([Council Communication No. 09-580](#))
) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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.

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:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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