



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 6A  
Roll Call No. 09-  
Communication No. 09-787  
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.  
City Engineer

## AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Court Avenue & Water Street Gatewell and River Outlet - Receiving bids, (11-24-09), and Setting date of hearing, (12-7-09). (Construction Estimate - \$537,790).

## 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 is the first phase of the Court Avenue & Water Street Sewer Separation project, which will construct a separate storm sewer system and storm water pump station to serve this area. This area of downtown is currently served by a combined (storm and sanitary) sewer system, resulting in localized flooding during heavy rain events, especially during high river levels. The Court Avenue & Water Street Gatewell and River Outlet will construct the required gatewell at the levee and the outlet to the river. Future projects will construct the pump station and the storm sewer system to convey storm water to the new outlet to the river.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$537,790 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2009-2010 CIP, Page Storm-6, Court Avenue/Water Street Sewer Separation, STE081, Storm Water Utility Revenue Bonds to be issued.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Court Avenue & Water Street Gatewell and River Outlet, 08-2010-006. The improvement includes construction of a storm water pump station gatewell and outlet structure, 72" diameter storm sewer, sheet pile construction and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 509-008/014, south of Court Avenue and east of Water Street along the west Des Moines River Levee in downtown Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$537,790. 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: October 27, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1874

Action: Approving Professional Services Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for design and construction phase services for the Court Avenue-Water Street Sewer Separation Project, not to exceed \$595,712. (Council Communication No. 08-646) 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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