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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <b>7B</b> <b>Roll Call No.</b> <b><u>10-</u></b> <b>Communication No.</b> <b><u>10-069</u></b> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.</b> <span style="display: block; text-align: right;"><b>City Engineer</b></span>	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Ordering construction of the following: S.E. 6th Street Widening - E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River - Receiving bids, (2-23-10), and Setting date of hearing, (3-8-10). (Construction Estimate - \$2,232,332.25).

**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. S.E. 6th Street is an important arterial roadway connecting the south side of Des Moines to the State Capitol and Central Business District. Development on the southeast side of Des Moines and the success of the East Village have caused already heavy traffic demands to increase. The construction of the SE Connector across the Des Moines River to S.E. 6th Street will further increase traffic volumes on this already busy roadway. This project provides for complete reconstruction of S.E. 6th Street into a complete street, from the Des Moines River Bridge north to E. Court Avenue. The improvements will include a three-lane roadway with one lane of traffic in each direction along with a center two-way left-turn lane. Bike lanes will be included on both sides of the roadway. The roadway corridor would also be improved to an urban standard with the construction of curbs, storm sewer, and sidewalks.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$2,232,332.25 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2009-2010 CIP, Page Street-39, S.E. 6th Street Widening - Court Avenue to the Des Moines River, STR237, TIF-Backed G. O. Bonds

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the S.E. 6th Street Widening - E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River, 06-2009-007. The improvement includes reconstructing the existing roadway into a three-lane roadway with one lane in each direction along with a center left-turn lane and bike lanes. The roadway will also be improved to an urban standard section with curbs and storm sewer. The widening project will help accommodate existing traffic demands on this collector roadway, as well as the anticipated increase in traffic volumes anticipated once the Southeast Connector is constructed to S.E. 6th Street. This project will include grading, pavement, storm sewers & intakes, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 515-037/163, on S.E. 6th Street from E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River, Des Moines, Iowa.

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: March 9, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-368

Action: Approving Professional Services Agreement with Snyder & Associates for Design and Construction Phase services for the SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Widening-Court Avenue to the Des Moines River, not to exceed \$297,500. (Council Communication No. 09-141) Moved by Vlassis 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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