

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Communication</b> Office of the City Manager</p>	<b>Date:</b> July 12, 2010
	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 7 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>10-1119</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-441</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.</b> <b>City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for design services for the Tonawanda Ravine Improvements, not to exceed \$204,287.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., Ronald J. Sova, Vice President, 8404 Indian Hills Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68114, for an hourly agreement not to exceed \$204,287, to provide professional design services for the Tonawanda Ravine Improvements project based on hourly rates.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$204,287

Funding Source: 2010-2011 CIP – Page Storm Water Improvements-17, Tonawanda Ravines, STE082, Storm Water Utility Funds

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Salisbury Oaks watershed is a 180-acre urban watershed located in the western part of Des Moines south of Interstate I-235, and is generally bounded by Ingersoll Avenue to the north, Foster Drive to the west, 37th Street to the east and John Lynde Road to the south. The area was developed in the early 1900’s before the City of Des Moines expanded and annexed the area. The watershed consists of a mix of single-family residential properties, multi-family units and non-residential properties (churches, businesses, schools, etc.).

In November 2008, responses to the Request for Proposals were received from six firms for a design study to address erosion issues in the ravines located in the street right of way of Tonawanda Drive. A selection committee was formed that included City of Des Moines staff. The selection committee reviewed the submittals and selected HDR Engineering, Inc. for negotiation based on qualifications and experience. On December 22, 2008, by Roll Call 08-2178, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering for the study.

The final report for the Tonawanda Ravine Improvement Study was provided to the City in June 2009. Meetings were held with the Tonawanda Ravine committee from the neighborhood throughout the study process to identify their concerns and present the final report recommendations. The report identified 8

projects totaling \$1.4 million of recommended improvements to address downcutting of the streambed, stabilization of the streambank, and to convey street runoff to the stream in a more controlled manner. The proposed agreement with HDR will provide the design services for all the improvements identified in the June 2009 study as well as storm sewer and streambank repair downstream near 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Welker Avenue. The City has applied for and received an I-Jobs grant in the amount of \$700,000 from the State legislature for this project. The I-Jobs agreement will be presented to the Des Moines City Council later this summer.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: July 27, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1395](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to submit a grant application to I-Jobs for flood related improvements, repair and mitigation and other public improvements and approval of City of Des Moines matching fund commitment requirements. ([Council Communication No. 09-518](#)) Moved by Meyer to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: December 22, 2008

Roll Call Number: [08-2178](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Tonawanda Ravines Improvement Study, not to exceed \$36,500. ([Council Communication No. 08-749](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE****ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Normal Council actions on consultant services for design.

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