



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date:	May 9, 2011
Agenda Item No.	11
Roll Call No.	<u>11-772</u>
Communication No.	<u>11-270</u>
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Change Order No. 8 with Elder Corporation for additional work on the S.E. 6th Street Widening – E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River, for a total not to exceed \$47,900.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Change Order No. 8 in an amount not to exceed \$47,900 with Elder Corporation, Jared R. Elder II, President, 5088 E. University Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50327, for additional work on the S.E. 6th Street Widening – E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River to modify the phasing for the construction of Stage 2 from E. Court Avenue to Raccoon Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$47,900

Funding Source: 2011-2012 CIP, S.E. 6th Street Widening – E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River, TIF Bonds, STR237, Page Street-37.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This change order involves modifying the phasing of this project. This project was originally intended to be completed during the 2010 construction season. Due to extremely wet weather conditions in 2010, this project was unable to be completed. Stage 2 is the unfinished phase of this project from Raccoon Street to E. Court Avenue. There are three railroad crossings in this portion of the project. One of the crossings belongs to the Iowa Interstate Railroad and the other two belong to the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Construction of the surface crossing for the Iowa Interstate Railroad was completed in 2010. Recently the Norfolk Southern Railroad approached the City with the possibility of eliminating their two crossings due to limited usage by the railroad. The City is in negotiations with the Norfolk Southern Railroad to eliminate these two railroad crossings. If the City is able to eliminate one or both of these crossings, it will save the City a substantial amount of money for surface crossings and signal installation, improve the ride of this section of roadway and eliminate future maintenance of the crossings. New phasing will include construction in the 2012 construction season. It is anticipated negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railroad will be completed by the 2012 construction season, and it will be determined if the crossings can be eliminated.

S.E. 6th Street was planned to be closed in 2011 for construction of Stage 2. If S.E. 6th Street remains open, it will help to alleviate traffic congestion near other downtown construction projects scheduled in 2011.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 14, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-885

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing execution of Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. Street Crossing Improvement Agreement for the SE 6th Street Widening Project. ([Council Communication No. 10-337](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: March 29, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-475

Action: [Approving](#) execution of Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. Street Crossing Improvements Agreement for SE 6th Street Widening Project, estimated cost \$300,000. ([Council Communication No. 10-172](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: March 29, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-474

Action: [Approving](#) execution of Norfolk Southern Railway Company Street Crossing Improvements for SE 6th Street Widening Project, estimated cost \$631,396. ([Council Communication No. 10-173](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: March 8, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-391

Action: [On](#) SE 6th Street Widening - E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder as Elder Corporation, (Jared R. Elder II, President), \$1,744,999.99. ([Council Communication No. 10-122](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: February 8, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-167

Action: [SE](#) 6th Street Widening – E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River: Receiving of bids, (2-23-10), and Setting date of hearing, (3-8-10). (Construction Estimate - \$2,232,332.25). ([Council Communication No. 10-069](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on construction contracts.

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