



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date:	May 23, 2011
Agenda Item No.	11D
Roll Call No.	<u>11-869</u>
Communication No.	<u>11-303</u>
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Blank Park Zoo Entrance Improvements - Receiving bids, (6-14-11), and Setting date of hearing, (6-27-11). (Construction Estimate - \$1,850,000).

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 provides for the construction of a new entrance roadway to the Blank Park Zoo that will provide safer, easier access into the zoo. Also included in the project are the construction of a shelter building with restrooms, playground, decorative entrance signs, a water feature, additional landscaping, and roadway lighting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,850,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2011-2012 CIP, Page Parks-5, Blank Park Zoo Entrance, PKS174, Being: IDOT - RISE RM-1945(780)--9D-77 \$418,560.50 (50% of construction cost up to grant maximum of \$449,725), RIIF Funding from Iowa Department of Corrections \$882,987 (\$464,426.50 plus \$418,560.50 match to RISE Grant, with maximum funding of \$1,000,000), and the remaining \$548,452.50, Blank Park Zoo Foundation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Blank Park Zoo Entrance Improvements, 11-2011-001. The improvement includes street paving twenty-six (26) feet wide B/B with Portland Cement Concrete seven (7) inches thick with integral curb, sidewalks, water main, storm sewer, subdrain, retaining walls, landscaping, and surface restoration. Also included in the project is playground areas, shelter building with restrooms, decorative arch signs, water features, and street lighting together with other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 532-024/071, at the Blank Park Zoo, 7401 S.W. 9th Street, in an area north of the existing parking lot to the intersection at Rittenhouse Street and SW 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$1,850,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 25, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-0709](#)

Action: Items regarding the A. H. Blank Park Zoo: ([Council Communication No. 11-229](#)) (B) [Conceptual](#) Master Plan by the Blank Park Zoo Foundation, Inc. Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 23, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1384](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to apply for a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) grant to fund a portion of the expenses relating to development of the Blank Park Zoo entrance improvements. ([Council Communication No. 10-517](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Urban Design Review Board

Date: April 19, 2011

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Approval of Urban Design Board Recommendation

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: April 20, 2011

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Approval of Access Advisory Board Recommendation

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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