



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

<b>Date:</b>	June 27, 2011
<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	54
<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<u>11-1159</u>
<b>Communication No.</b>	<u>11-414</u>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

## AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Blank Park Zoo Entrance Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Larson & Larson Construction LLC, Jeffrey C. Larson, President, \$1,889,870.93.

## SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Blank Park Zoo Entrance Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. 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: \$1,889,870.93 Construction Contract (\$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 \$372,749.71 (50% of construction cost up to grant maximum of \$449,725), RIIF Funding from Iowa Department of Corrections \$946,088.39 (\$573,338.68 plus \$372,749.71 match to RISE Grant, with maximum funding of \$1,000,000), and the remaining \$571,032.83, Blank Park Zoo Foundation.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On May 23, 2011, under Roll Call No. 11-0869, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Blank Park Zoo Entrance Improvements. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and 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.

Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Larson & Larson Construction LLC, Urbandale, IA  
Corell Contractor, Inc., West Des Moines, IA  
Elder Corporation, Des Moines, IA

The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on June 14, 2011.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Larson & Larson Construction LLC, Jeffrey C. Larson, President, 10703 Justin Drive, Urbandale, IA, 50322 in the amount of \$1,889,870.93, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: May 23, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-0869](#)

Action: Approving the following items regarding A.H. Blank Park Zoo Entrance Improvements: ([Council Communication No. 11-328](#)) (D) [Ordering](#) Construction and fixing date for Receiving of Bids, (6-14-11) and Hearing (6-27-11), Construction Estimate, \$1,850,000. ([Council Communication No. 11-303](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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