

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Communication</b> Office of the City Manager</p>	<b>Date:</b> August 29, 2011
	<p><b>Agenda Item No.</b> 68</p> <p><b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>11-1513</u></p> <p><b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-556</u></p> <p><b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer</b></p>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Hearing on Sargent Park Natural Playscape: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as The Hansen Company, Inc., Craig W. Hansen, President, \$295,599.15.

**SYNOPSIS:**

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Sargent Park Natural Playscape 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 natural playground including limestone retaining walls, logs, sidewalk, a cave, tunnel and water feature. A new shelter will also be constructed near the playground.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$295,599.15 Construction Contract (\$240,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2011-2012 CIP, Page Parks - 15, Park Redevelopment, PKS100, G. O. Bonds.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On July 25, 2011, under Roll Call No. 11-1270, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Sargent Park Natural Playscape. 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 Sargent Park Natural Playscape, 11-2011-005. The improvement includes the installation of a new shelter, new natural playground including 5" PCC sidewalk, limestone retaining walls, earthwork, logs, a cave, tunnel, water feature, and restoration; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 534-74/80 at Sargent Park, 3530 E Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

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

The Hansen Company, Inc., Johnston, IA

Only one bid was received, from The Hansen Company, Inc. In addition to The Hansen Company, Inc., there were seven other plan holders who indicated they would be prime bidders, but did not submit bids. Telephone calls were made to contractors and the contractors indicated this was a very diverse project

with several unique elements. The project did not include a primary element such as earthwork or concrete. The contractors noted they had sufficient work and were not interested in being a prime contractor on this diverse project.

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 August 16, 2011.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by The Hansen Company, Inc., Craig W. Hansen, President, 5665 Greendale Road, Suite A, Johnston, IA, 50131 in the amount of \$295,599.15, 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: July 25, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1270](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following: (C) [Sargent](#) Park Natural Playscape: Receiving of bids, (8-16-11), Setting date of hearing, (8-29-11). (Construction Estimate - \$240,000). ([Council Communication No. 11-488](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

#### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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