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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>45</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>12-1663</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>12-549</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Hearing on Inter-Urban Trail Bridge Repair: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Cramer and Associates, Inc., Robert Cramer, President/CAO, \$229,804.25.

**SYNOPSIS:**

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Inter-Urban Trail Bridge Repair and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project will make the required repairs to the Inter-Urban Trail Bridge to insure the continued safe use for trail users. The replacement of the timber bents in the approach span will maintain code load capacity and other items will restore safety features that have suffered damage since the structure was opened. The Inter-Urban Trail Bridge is located generally south of Euclid Avenue, East of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, over the Des Moines River.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$229,804.25 Construction Contract, (\$279,090 City Engineer's Estimate).

Funding Source: 2012-2013 CIP, Page Park - 16, Recreation Trails, PKS045, G. O. Bonds.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

From 1905 to 1951, the Inter-Urban Bridge was part of a streetcar line that connected downtown Des Moines to Urbandale. Due to the efforts of residents including the Beavertdale Neighborhood Association, the bridge was converted to bicycle and pedestrian use only and was dedicated as a trail bridge in 1998. It connects the Neal Smith Trail on the east side of the Des Moines River to the Inter-Urban Trail and Trestle to Trestle Trail on the west side of the river.

On September 24, 2012, under Roll Call No. 12-1486, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Inter-Urban Trail Bridge Repair. 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 Inter-Urban Trail Bridge Repair, 11-2012-005. The improvement includes trail bridge timber and steel repairs, replacement of timber bents with steel bents on the approach structure, epoxy grouting of the bridge piers, temporary HMA trail construction including earthwork, sodding, seeding, traffic control activities and incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 547-125/134, located on the Inter-urban Trail

Bridge over the Des Moines River (south of Euclid Avenue), Des Moines, Iowa.  
Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Cramer and Associates, Inc., Grimes, Iowa  
Murphy Heavy Contracting Corp., Anita, Iowa  
Jensen Construction Company, Des Moines, Iowa  
Herberger Construction Co., Inc., Indianola, Iowa  
Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC, Washington, Iowa

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 October 9, 2012.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Cramer and Associates, Inc., Robert Cramer, President/CAO, 3100 S.W. Brookside Drive, Grimes, IA, 50111 in the amount of \$229,804.25, 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: September 24, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1486](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the [Inter](#)-Urban Trail Bridge Repair: Receiving of bids, (10-9-12), Setting date of hearing, (10-22-12), Construction estimate, \$279,090. ([Council Communication No. 12-516](#)). 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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