

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date:	November 5, 2012
	Agenda Item No.	15A
	Roll Call No.	<u>12-1692</u>
	Communication No.	<u>12-562</u>
	Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Communication from the City Manager recommending proposed sanitary sewer construction on Wakonda Parkway using special assessments.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with proposed sanitary sewer improvements and set December 3, 2012 as the date for the hearing on the proposed Resolution of Necessity, as required by Iowa Code, before the City Council can proceed to utilize special assessments against benefited property owners as part of the method of financing as referenced below. The City Council has received a petition requesting that sanitary sewer be constructed to serve the east and west sides of the 4500 block of Wakonda Parkway, as identified below. Recommend the City Council authorize the City Engineer to proceed with the actions necessary under the Iowa Code special assessment process and to notify appropriate property owners.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$70,800 total City Engineer's Preliminary Estimate for assessment purposes.

Funding Source: 2012-2013 CIP, Page Sanitary-6, City-wide Sanitary Sewers, SAE054, being \$29,125 from Special Assessments against benefited property owners and \$41,675 in Sanitary Sewer funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On June 25, 2012, under Roll Call No. 12-1021, the City Council received, filed, and referred to the City Manager for review and recommendation a petition from two (2) property owners requesting that sanitary sewer be constructed to serve their properties on Wakonda Parkway between Elder Lane and SW 16th Street.

Engineering and Public Works Department staff have reviewed the petition and investigated the request for sanitary sewer. There are three (3) lots on the east and west sides of the 4500 block of Wakonda Parkway that have septic tanks and are not connected to a sanitary sewer. Engineering Department conducted a preliminary survey to determine the approximate elevations of the sanitary services; this information was given to the property owners. This project is to install the sanitary sewer in Wakonda Parkway and extend the individual sanitary sewer services 10' inside the property line. It will be the responsibility of each property owner to connect their home to the sanitary service.

On October 12, 2012, the Engineering Department held an informational meeting at the Central Library to discuss the proposed construction of the assessed sanitary sewer project. Notice of this informational meeting was given to the three (3) property owners (4503, 4505, and 4506 Wakonda Parkway) that would be served by the proposed sewer. Engineering Staff explained that the property owners would be assessed for the cost of sanitary sewer main, one (1) manhole and the sanitary sewer services (from the main to 10' beyond the property line), while the City of Des Moines would pay the remainder of the project cost to construct the sewer. All three (3) property owners were represented at the meeting; and after staff explained the project and assessment process, the two property owners who originally signed the petition were still in favor of proceeding with the project and the next step, which is the public hearing on the Resolution of Necessity. The remaining third property owner representative has also verbally indicated they are in favor of the project.

Upon Council approval of the Resolution of Necessity, the Engineering Department will proceed with preparation of plans and specifications for Council consideration to establish a bid date so that the proposed new sanitary sewer can be completed during the 2013 construction season.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 25, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1021](#)

Action: [Petition](#) in favor of proposed sanitary sewer on Wakonda Parkway between Elder Lane and SW 16th Street. Moved by Hensley to receive and file and refer to the City Manager for review and recommendation. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Council Hearing on the Resolution of Necessity on December 3, 2012, and if adopted the normal Council actions to authorize bids, 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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