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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 6 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>13-1000</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>13-014</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Ordering construction of the following: Good Park Playground Improvements - receiving bids, (1-29-13), and setting date of hearing, (2-11-13). (Construction Estimate - \$218,500).

**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 splashpad, and a new shelter at Good Park to provide enhanced play opportunities and better service to the neighborhood.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$218,500 (City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2012-2013 CIP, Page Park - 14, Park Improvements, PKS137.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On March 8, 2012 the Park and Recreation Department held a public meeting in the cafeteria of the King Elementary School to review the master plan for Good Park and to set the neighborhood's priorities for future improvements to the park. As a result of that meeting it was determined that the neighborhood's top priorities were a splashpad, an open-air shelter with a drinking fountain, a restroom, and to keep the existing ball field as open space instead of developing it as shown on the master plan.

In August a conceptual site plan showing the proposed improvements along with a letter describing the improvements and asking for feedback was sent to everyone who attended the initial public meeting and to the surrounding neighborhood associations. In addition the concept plan was presented, discussed, and approved at the September 20, 2012 meeting of the Cheatom Park Neighborhood. In October, Parks staff made minor improvements to the ball field such as removing the old fence, dugouts, and retaining wall to convert it to a more usable open space while work proceeded on finalizing the design and completing the construction documents for the other improvements.

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Good Park Playground Improvements, 11-2011-009. The improvement includes the installation of a water feature, sidewalk, plumbing, earthwork, and restoration; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 549-001/006 at Good Park, 1103 17th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$218,500. 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): NONE**

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

**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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