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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>6B</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<u>13-0287</u>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<u>13-089</u>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Ordering construction of the following: McHenry Park Improvements - Receiving bids, (3-12-13), and Setting date of hearing, (3-25-13). (Construction Estimate - \$260,000).

**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 open air shelter at the south end of McHenry Park overlooking the Des Moines River to provide enhanced recreational opportunities to the neighborhood.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$260,000, City Engineer's Estimate

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

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Meetings on the McHenry Park Master Plan were held in March 2011 at the North Side Senior Center located in Park Fair Mall to gather input and comments. Due to the levee construction, changes to McHenry Park and the Kiwanis Nature Island provided an opportunity for connectivity to the larger area of the Birdland Greenway of the Des Moines River and a master plan process for improvements. With neighborhood input, Park Planners were able to design a master plan for McHenry Park and at the March 27, 2012, the Park and Recreation Board approved the master plan. Implementation of the plan is under way, which includes the completion of the recreational trail as well as the construction of a splashpad, scheduled to be operational this summer. An open-air shelter is the next phase of implementation which will be located at the high point of the park providing scenic views of the river valley.

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the McHenry Park Improvements, 11-2011-010. The improvement includes the installation of a new shelter, new P.C.C. sidewalk, and site restoration; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 547-91/95, located at Mc Henry Park, 9th Street and Oak Park Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$260,000. 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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