

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date:	March 25, 2013
	Agenda Item No.	13A
	Roll Call No.	<u>13-0449</u>
	Communication No.	<u>13-136</u>
	Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Communication from the City Manager recommending proposed sanitary sewer construction on East 37th Street using special assessments.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with proposed sanitary sewer improvements and set April 22, 2013 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 3600 block of East 37th Street 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: \$85,200 total City Engineer's Preliminary Estimate for assessment purposes.

Funding Source: 2013-2014 CIP, Page Sanitary-6, City-wide Sanitary Sewers, SAE054, being \$30,490 from Special Assessments against benefited property owners and \$54,710 in Sanitary Sewer funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On January 14, 2013, under Roll Call No. 13-0057, 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 East 37th Street between Euclid and Hubbell Avenues.

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 3600 block of East 37th Street, which are not connected to a sanitary sewer. Two (2) of these lots have septic tanks and the third lot is an undeveloped lot. The Engineering Department conducted a preliminary survey to determine the approximate elevations of the sanitary services. This project is to install the sanitary sewer along East 37th Street 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 sewer service.

On March 5, 2013, the Engineering Department held an informational meeting at the Council Chambers to discuss the proposed construction of the assessed sanitary sewer project. Notice of this informational meeting was given to the three (3) property owners (Lot 11, 3612, and 3613 East 37th Street) that would be served by the proposed sewer. The property owners were informed in the mailing that they 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. None of the property owners attended the informational meeting.

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: January 14, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-0057](#)

Action: [Petition](#) in favor of proposed sanitary sewer on E. 37th Street between E. Euclid Avenue and Hubbell Avenue. Moved by Mahaffey 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 April 22, 2013 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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