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|  <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p> | Date: April 8, 2013 |
| | Agenda Item No. 52 Roll Call No. <u>13-0604</u> Communication No. <u>13-171</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer |

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Botanical Center Accessible Elevator: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as The Weitz Company, LLC, Mike Tousley, President, 5901 Thornton Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50321, \$331,331.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Botanical Center Accessible Elevator and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. During the summer of 2007 the Department of Justice audited forty-six city facilities, including the Des Moines Botanical Center, for accessibility related issues. Lack of an accessible route to the Dome Balcony by the Lobby for wheelchair users as well as the non-compliant handrails for ambulatory users on the existing stairways were cited in their report. The proposed improvements correct these deficiencies and will bring these elements into compliance with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessibility Design.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$331,331 Construction Contract (\$400,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2013-2014 CIP, Page Building - 4, ADA Modifications for Municipal Buildings, BLD042, G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On March 11, 2013, under Roll Call No. 13-0379, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Botanical Center Accessible Elevator. 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 Botanical Center Accessible Elevator, 10-2013-003. The improvement includes the construction of a new passenger elevator and modifying the existing stairways that connect the ground level with the balcony overlook level within the dome structure of the Des Moines Botanical Center. Work includes foundation excavation, concrete foundations, concrete flat work, concrete masonry block and stone veneer, structural and shop fabricated steel assemblies, holeless passenger elevator system as well as related mechanical and electrical systems; all work in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 538-139/152, located at 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

The Weitz Company, LLC, Des Moines, IA
Brocon Services LLC, Johnston, IA
Munro Construction Co., Johnston, IA

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 March 26, 2013.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by The Weitz Company, LLC in the amount of \$331,331, 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: March 11, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-0379](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following: (A) [Botanical](#) Center Accessibility Elevator: Receiving of bids, (3-26-13), Setting date of hearing, (4-8-13), Construction estimate, \$400,000. ([Council Communication No. 13-118](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: February 20, 2013

Resolution Number: 13-10

Action: Plan Review and Approval by Access Advisory Board

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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