

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: November 4, 2013
	Agenda Item No. 9 Roll Call No. [] Communication No. <u>13-530</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for Beaver Avenue Streetscape from Beaver Crest Drive to Fagen Drive.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of IDOT Agreement No. 13-STPE-119 for Beaver Avenue Streetscape from Beaver Crest Drive to Fagen Drive. This project will construct streetscape enhancements along Beaver Avenue and improvements to the Beaver Avenue and Urbandale Avenue intersection including new signalization.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,884,000

Funding Source: 2013-2014 CIP, Page Street-5, Beaver Avenue Streetscape, ST245, being:

- \$439,000 Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds
- \$300,000 Private
- \$200,000 Storm Water Utility Fund
- \$945,000 G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On October 22, 2007, City Council authorized the City Manager to submit an application to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation Enhancement (STP-E) funds for the Beaver Avenue Streetscape. The MPO has awarded \$439,000 of STP-E funds for construction of this project. On March 9, 2009, City Council approved a professional services agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C. to provide a conceptual streetscape design and cost estimates.

On June 28, 2010, City Council approved the Beaver Avenue Streetscape Plan. On August 27, 2012, City Council approved a professional services agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C. for design and construction phase services for the Beaver Avenue Streetscape.

On October 30, 2012, the City Clerk received a petition from several Beavertown property owners in opposition to the proposed streetscape project and requested that the Beavertown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) not be established. Because the petition in opposition to the

Beaverdale SSMID contained signatures which together represent ownership of property with an assessed value of 40% or more of the assessed value of all property within the proposed district, the receipt of that petition barred the City from taking any further action on the establishment of the Beaverdale SSMID. On November 5, 2012, City Council closed the public hearing and withdrew from consideration the establishment of the Beaverdale SSMID. This prompted the suspension of any further work on the project until a clear direction could be identified.

In order to determine how to proceed with the project, a meeting was called with property owners, both for and against the project, as well as the area City Council representatives on November 14, 2012 to discuss how to move the project forward. Those in attendance of the meeting were given the opportunity to voice their opinion of the streetscape project, as well as their recommended changes. The points of support for the project included traffic and pedestrian safety, beautification, and economic development, while the points of opposition were loss of business during construction, limited parking, and disapproval of the roundabout.

After the November 14, 2012 meeting with property owners, the project was amended to remove the roundabout in favor of more traditional intersection improvements and signalization, and the existing consultant agreement was revised to reflect the project change in scope.

On October 7, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-1562, City Council received by petition to establish the Beaverdale SSMID based upon the new design. On this agenda the hearing on this Beaverdale SSMID will be considered by City Council.

By a September 26, 2013 letter, the Beaverdale Betterment Coalition has indicated that they are in substantial compliance with the \$300,000 neighborhood commitment.

The design phase is nearing completion and construction of the streetscape project is scheduled for 2014.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 7, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1562](#)

Action: [On](#) petition to establish the Beaverdale Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District, (SSMID), (11-4-13). ([Council Communication No. 13-505](#)) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 5, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1736](#)

Action: [Closing](#) the public hearing and withdrawing consideration of establishing the Beaverdale Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID). ([Council Communication No. 12-560](#)) Moved by Griess to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 27, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1387](#)

Action: [Professional](#) Services Agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C. for design and construction phase services, not to exceed \$420,000. ([Council Communication No. 12-457](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 28, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1094](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Beaver Avenue Streetscape Concept Plan. ([Council Communication No. 10-382](#)) Moved by Griess to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: March 9, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-367](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C. for professional services for the Beaver Avenue Streetscape, not to exceed \$169,885. ([Council Communication No. 09-140](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 22, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-2032](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of STP and STP-TE Fund FY 2012 Applications to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization. ([Council Communication No. 07-629](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on consultant services for design and construction administration, and construction contracts.

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