 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Communication</b> Office of the City Manager</p>	<b>Date:</b>	March 24, 2014
	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>38</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>14-0501</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>14-126</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Hearing on Park Avenue Railroad Crossing Improvements at S.W. 56th Street. Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., Kurt Rasmussen, President, \$48,200.

**SYNOPSIS:**

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Park Avenue Railroad Crossing Improvements at S.W. 56th Street and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project includes the traffic control and full depth asphalt approach pavement portion of railroad crossing replacement project being constructed by Siegwirk, USA. The crossing is located in the 5500 block of Park Avenue. In accordance with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) policy, an overall agreement of shared responsibilities between IDOT, Siegwirk, and the City of Des Moines, will be presented to City Council after bids are received and approved.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$48,200 Construction Contract (\$50,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2014-2015 CIP, Page Street - 21, Park Avenue Widening – S.W. 56th Street to S.W. 63rd Street, ST248

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

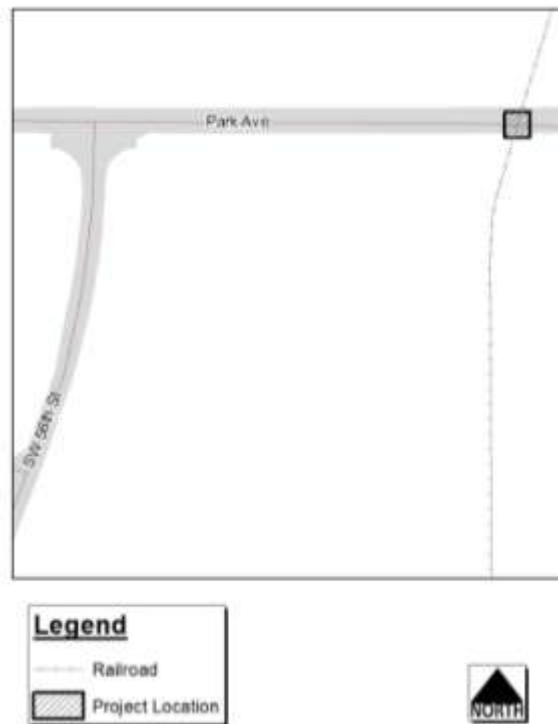
On February 24, 2014, under Roll Call No. 14-0258, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Park Avenue Railroad Crossing Improvements at S.W. 56th Street. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, 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 Park Avenue Railroad Crossing Improvements at S.W. 56th Street, 06-2014-006. The improvement includes construction of full depth asphalt railroad approach pavement, pavement removal, traffic control, grading, site restoration, and other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 557-005/015, on Park Avenue at the Siegwirk railroad crossing located 690 feet east of S.W. 56th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:  
Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., Des Moines, IA

Only one (1) bid was received on this project from Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp. In addition to Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., there was one (1) other plan holder who indicated they would be prime bidder but did not submit a bid. This is the first of this type of work since the IDOT modified the construction process, which involves unique coordination between the railroad contractor and the City contractor. Also, this project is a small contract dollar amount and does not create a lot of interest at the start of a busy construction season. Rebidding the project this year would not likely produce lower bids.

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 11, 2014.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., Kurt Rasmussen, President, 5550 NE 22nd Street, P.O. Box 3374, Des Moines, IA, 50313 in the amount of \$48,200, 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: February 24, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0258](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (A) [Park](#) Avenue Railroad Crossing Improvements at S.W. 56th Street: Receiving of bids, (3-11-14), Setting date of hearing, (3-24-14), Construction estimate, \$50,000. ([Council Communication No. 14-068](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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