

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: April 7, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 7A Roll Call No. <u>14-0523</u> Communication No. <u>14-140</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Fire Department Administration Parking Lot - Receiving bids, (4-22-14), and Setting date of hearing, (5-05-14). Construction Estimate - \$80,000.

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. The project includes the construction of a concrete parking pad to provide a training area for the Fire Department Administration Facility as well as additional parking when the training pad is not in use.

The concrete pad will serve to expand available parking spaces, but will also be the location of an aluminum gasoline tanker training prop that is currently housed at the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau (FSTB) in Ames, Iowa. The prop provides the ability to train on the practice of drilling and off-loading of an over turned highway carrier. It was originally donated to the City of Des Moines by Seneca Corporation in conjunction with the Iowa Motor Truck Association in approximately 1989. The tanker was used throughout the state by hazardous materials teams and was the responsibility of the user to transport. Eventually, mechanical issues made the transport of the vessel unsafe, but its value continued as a training prop kept at a single location. At that time, ownership of the prop was transferred to the FSTB.

Creating the necessary concrete pad serves three (3) purposes: 1) creation of needed additional parking at the Fire Department facility; 2) creation of space to house the prop and conduct associated training; and 3) as the FSTB undergoes changes at its site it no longer is able to house the prop, thus, it provides a location for this prop to continue being used for training by local, area, and regional responders. Without an alternate location for the prop, it will have to be disposed of.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$80,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2013-2014 CIP, Page Fire - 7, Maintenance/Logistics & Training Campus, FR038, G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Fire Department Administration Parking Lot, 04-2014-001. The improvement includes construction of a PCC parking lot, detention basin modifications, site

restoration, and other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 557-143/147, located at the City of Des Moines Fire Department Administration Facility, 2715 Dean Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$80,000. 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):

Date: March 24, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0468](#)

Action: [Ordering](#) construction of the Fire Department Administration Parking Lot: Receiving of bids, (4-8-14), Setting date of hearing, (4-21-14), Construction Estimate, \$80,000. ([Council Communication No. 14-122](#)) Moved by Gatto to defer consideration to April 7, 2014 refer to the City Manager to report on the use of State apparatus on the property and the number of departments using the facility. Motion Carried 7-0.

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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