

# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

**Date:** March 23, 2015

Agenda Item No. 51

Roll Call No. <u>15-543</u> Communication No. <u>15-150</u>

Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey,

P.E., City Engineer

#### **AGENDA HEADING:**

Hearing on E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as T K Concrete Inc., Tony J. Ver Meer, President, \$375,902.50.

### **SYNOPSIS:**

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The project includes the removal and replacement of an existing median, to provide a longer left turn lane for west bound traffic along E. Euclid Avenue at the Dixon Street intersection. The existing traffic signals at this intersection are also being replaced and relocated to provide sufficient clear zone and reduce the potential for collisions.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$375,902.50 Construction Contract (\$310,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

<u>Funding Source</u>: 2015-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Streets - 44, Traffic Signals, Channelization, and School Crossings, TR091, Being: \$150,000 (Max) in Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funds; and the remaining \$225,902.50 G.O. Bonds.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On February 23, 2015, under Roll Call No. 15-0276, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade. 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 E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade, 04-2014-002. The improvement includes removing existing Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) median, curb, and traffic signals, and replace with new PCC median, curb, traffic signals, and other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 560-211/234, located at the intersection of E. Euclid Avenue (U.S. Highway 6) and Dixon Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

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

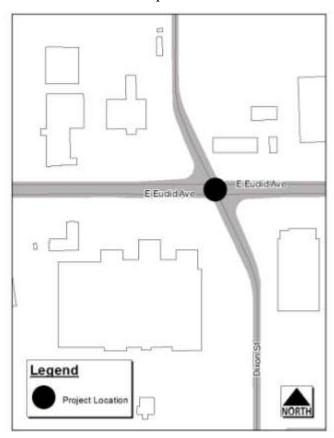
T K Concrete Inc., Pella, IA Baker Electric, Inc., Des Moines, IA The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on March 10, 2015.

The Engineering Department found that apparent second low bidder, Baker Electric, Inc., incorrectly summed the totals for each bid item; when the corrected total construction bid amount was calculated, Baker Electric, Inc. was the apparent low bidder, leaving TK Concrete, Inc. as apparent second low bidder.

However, Baker Electric, Inc. did not complete Proposal: Part F Item 1 – Identity of Subcontractors, over \$25,000, which requires identification of subcontractors performing over \$25,000 in work, in accordance with Council policy. Baker Electric, Inc. indicated they would subcontract work in excess of \$25,000, but they were not able to provide documentation of any subcontracting quotes received prior to bid opening for the work exceeding \$25,000.

Council policy requires bidders to identify subcontractors performing over \$25,000 in work on Proposal: Part F Item 1 – Identity of Subcontractors. Since Baker Electric, Inc. could not provide documentation of any subcontracting quote received prior to bid opening, the City Engineer recommends that the bid submitted by Baker Electric, Inc. be considered nonresponsive and the bid be rejected for failure to complete Proposal: Part F Item 1 – Identity of Subcontractors, over \$25,000.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by T K Concrete Inc., Tony J. Ver Meer, President, 1608 Fifield Road, Pella, IA, 50219 in the amount of \$375,902.50, 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 23, 2015

Roll Call Number: 15-0276

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

(A) <u>E</u>. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade: Receiving of bids, (3-10-15), Setting date of hearing, (3-23-15), Construction estimate, \$310,000. (Council Communication No. 15-079) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: December 8, 2014

Roll Call Number: 14-1902

<u>Action</u>: <u>Reject</u> bid received on E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade, 15.1% over project estimate, and to close the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate. (<u>Council Communication No. 14-575</u>) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 3, 2014

Roll Call Number: 14-1687

<u>Action</u>: <u>Ordering</u> construction of E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade: Receiving of bids, (11-18-14), Setting date of hearing, (12-8-14), Construction estimate, \$310,000. (<u>Council Communication No. 14-518</u>) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 12, 2013

Roll Call Number: 13-1253

<u>Action</u>: <u>Approving</u> and authorizing the execution of IDOT Agreement for traffic signal upgrades at the intersection of E. Euclid Avenue and Dixon Street. (<u>Council Communication No. 13-408</u>) Moved by Mahaffey 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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