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	Agenda Item No.	51
	Roll Call No.	<u>15-1460</u>
	Communication No.	<u>15-461</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Reject all bids on 2014-2015 Sidewalk Program and close the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because only one (1) bid was received, and this bid was 66.4% over estimate. The project provides for sidewalk construction along the north side of Hubbell Avenue from E. Tiffin Avenue east approximately 550 feet to an existing sidewalk at the Eastwood Village shopping center access. The proposed sidewalk provides area residents with improved pedestrian access to the adjacent sidewalk network.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: 2015-2016 CIP, Page Street - 32, Sidewalks - School and Priority Routes, SW081, G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On July 27, 2015, under Roll Call No. 15-1228, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the 2014-2015 Sidewalk Program. 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 2014-2015 Sidewalk Program, 09-2014-001. The improvement includes construction of Portland Cement Concrete sidewalk 4-feet wide and 4-inches thick (6-inches through driveways and driveway approaches), 6-inch thick American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, grading, sodding, traffic control and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 560-058/077, along the north side of Hubbell Avenue from E. Tiffin Avenue east approximately 550 feet to connect to an existing sidewalk at the Eastwood Village shopping center access, Des Moines, Iowa.

Only one (1) bid was received and this bid was 66.4% over estimate. The City sent bidding documents to 14 companies. Nine (9) of the companies were plan rooms and five (5) of the companies were contractors. Three (3) out of the five (5) contractors indicated they would be a prime contractor. One (1) bid was received from TK Concrete. The other contractors did not bid in an effort to complete their current workload. Contractors are behind schedule due to an excessive number of rain days this

summer; therefore, the Des Moines City Engineer recommends rebidding the project in the spring of 2016.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 27, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1228](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (B) [2014-2015 Sidewalk Program](#): Receiving of bids, (8-11-15), Setting date of hearing (8-24-15), Construction estimate, \$70,000. ([Council Communication No. 15-412](#)) Moved by Gatto 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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