

# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

**Date:** August 22, 2016

Agenda Item No. 14

Roll Call No. 16-1390 Communication No. 16-462

Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park

and Recreation Director, and Pamela S. Cooksey,

P.E., City Engineer

# **AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving contract and bond for construction of an improvement with an estimated cost which is less than the Iowa Code competitive bid threshold, Cunningham, Inc., Charles A. Cunningham Jr., President, \$20,150.

### **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond for the Municipal Service Center Ductwork Modifications, 10-2016-011. The flow of air from the ductwork supplying the paint booth is uneven and moving too fast. Adding displacement diffusers will allow better evenness and velocity to provide the correct flow of air to maintain the operation of the paint booth. The project will also modify the ductwork between the ventilator and the outside air louver to slow the air flow and stop the snow from getting into the equipment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$20,150 Construction Contract (\$19,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

<u>Funding Source</u>: 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Building - 8, Municipal

Building Improvements, BL085, G. O. Bonds

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A Competitive Bid process is utilized in accordance with the Code of Iowa and the Des Moines City Council on projects where the Engineer's estimated cost for the improvement is less than the competitive bid threshold.

Sections 26.3 and 26.12 of the Code of Iowa exempt the governing body from advertisement for sealed bids and holding a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the improvement when the Engineer's estimated cost for the improvement is less than the competitive bid threshold (currently \$135,000 for this type of work) established in Section 314.1B.

On February 12, 2007, under Roll Call No. 07-291, the Des Moines City Council approved bidding and contracting process changes for construction of improvements which included "Part II: New Competitive Quotation Process for Public Improvements" which the City Engineer has utilized for this project. Engineering and Legal Department Staff have utilized this process to determine the lowest

responsive, responsible bidder for construction of the following improvement. The estimated cost of said improvement is \$19,000, which is less than the competitive bid threshold.

The Engineering Department prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Municipal Service Center Ductwork Modifications, 10-2016-011. The improvement includes the addition of displacement diffusers in the paint booth room and the reconfiguration of ductwork from the energy recovery unit and the outside air louver on ERV-2 and ERV-3; all work in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 574-096/098, located at the Municipal Service Center, 1551 East M.L. King, Jr. Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa.

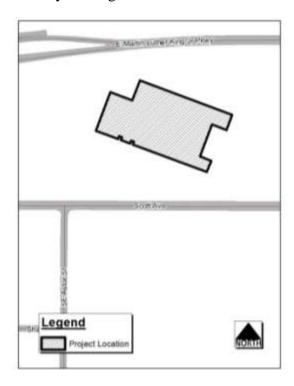
Said plans and specifications were issued to contractors that normally bid on City of Des Moines projects of a similar nature, as part of a solicitation for proposals for said improvement; requesting the contractors to submit proposals to the Des Moines City Engineer on or before 11:00 a.m. on August 10, 2016.

Bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Cunningham, Inc., Oskaloosa, IA SME Mechanical, Des Moines, IA Air Con Mechanical, Corp., Des Moines, IA Corn States Sheet Metal Fabricators, Inc., West Des Moines, IA Central Iowa Mechanical Co., Des Moines, IA

The Des Moines City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid was submitted by Cunningham, Inc., Charles A. Cunningham Jr., President, 808 S. Market Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa, 52577 in the amount of \$20,150, and recommends that said bid be accepted.

The Des Moines City Engineer has secured execution of contract documents for said public improvements by the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for presentation to the City Council for approval and authorization for the Mayor to sign.



# PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 12, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-291

<u>Action</u>: <u>Summary</u> of Bidding/Contracting Process Changes for construction of public improvements, February 2007. (<u>Council Communication No.07-062</u>) Moved by Kiernan 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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