 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date:	March 20, 2017
	Agenda Item No.	65
	Roll Call No.	<u>17-0554</u>
	Communication No.	<u>17-309</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Walnut Street Bus Lane from 9th Street to 10th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Kingston Services, LLC, Dan Hutton, President, \$161,905.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Walnut Street Bus Lane from 9th Street to 10th Street and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for the construction of school bus parking lanes on the north side of Walnut Street between 9th Street and 10th Street. The project will include replacement of the street lighting and will reduce traffic congestion in this block of the Walnut Street corridor. City Council has requested an explanation for the recommendation to construct a bus lane in front of the Walnut Street School, paid for entirely by the City.

Explanation:

The Des Moines Public Schools (Schools) and the City collaborate in a number of ways to benefit Des Moines residents including sharing facilities, School Resource Officers, School Crossing Guards, working to resolve neighborhood issues, the prioritization of traffic improvement projects adjacent to schools, and easement and property transfers from the Schools to the City for public improvement projects, as in the case of the 42nd Street Streetscape Project.

Through advanced planning the cost of traffic safety related public improvements adjacent to schools have been financed sometimes by Schools, and sometimes by City. Occasionally, on projects such as school pedestrian overpasses both pay a proportionate amount.

The Walnut Street Streetscape Master Plan (November 2013) – recommended on-street parking and streetscape improvements for this block. The removal of the Walnut Street Transit Mall and conversion of Walnut Street from one-way to two-way traffic makes a bus lane necessary to safely deliver and pick-up students near the main entrance to Walnut Street School and not impede through traffic on Walnut Street.

Although streetscape improvements are in Phase Two of the Walnut Street Streetscape Master Plan, a bus lane replacing on-street parking is an immediate need due to the conversion of Walnut Street from one-way to two-way. In the future, construction of complimentary streetscape improvements on this block can be accomplished while preserving the bus lane. As a tax-exempt entity, Schools would not normally participate in the cost of streetscape improvements.

The proposed Walnut Street School Bus Lane location conflicts with six (6) tree locations; their removal is necessary to build the project. Parent on-street parking for student pick-up does not change from existing locations on 9th Street and 10th Street.

Alternatives available to Council are: (1) award contract to the designated low bidder for construction of the Walnut Street bus lane, or (2) reject all bids. Council action to award this contract is recommended.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$161,905 Construction Contract (\$135,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Street – 49, Walnut Street Streetscape, ST252, Being: Tax Increment Bonds Issued

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On January 9, 2017, under Roll Call No. 17-0008, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Walnut Street Bus Lane from 9th Street to 10th 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 Walnut Street Bus Lane from 9th Street to 10th Street, 04-2017-001. The improvement includes construction of sidewalks, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) curb and pavement, and Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement overlay, together with the necessary removals, clearing and grubbing, traffic control; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 578-016/036, on Walnut Street from 9th Street to 10th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

The public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost for said improvement was initially set for February 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. At the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting, the City Council moved to continue the public hearing to the February 20, 2017 City Council meeting. At the February 20, 2017 City Council meeting, the City Council moved to continue the public hearing to the March 20, 2017 City Council meeting.

In coordination with the Des Moines Public School District, staff has confirmed an operational need for the school bus pick-up and drop-off on Walnut Street for the Walnut Street School. The removal of the Walnut Street Transit Mall and conversion of Walnut Street from one-way to two-way traffic make a bus inset necessary to safely deliver and pick-up students and continued use of Walnut Street for traffic. The Walnut Street School serves approximately 300 students in preschool through 5th grade. Parents use 9th Street and 10th Street for drop-off and pick-up.

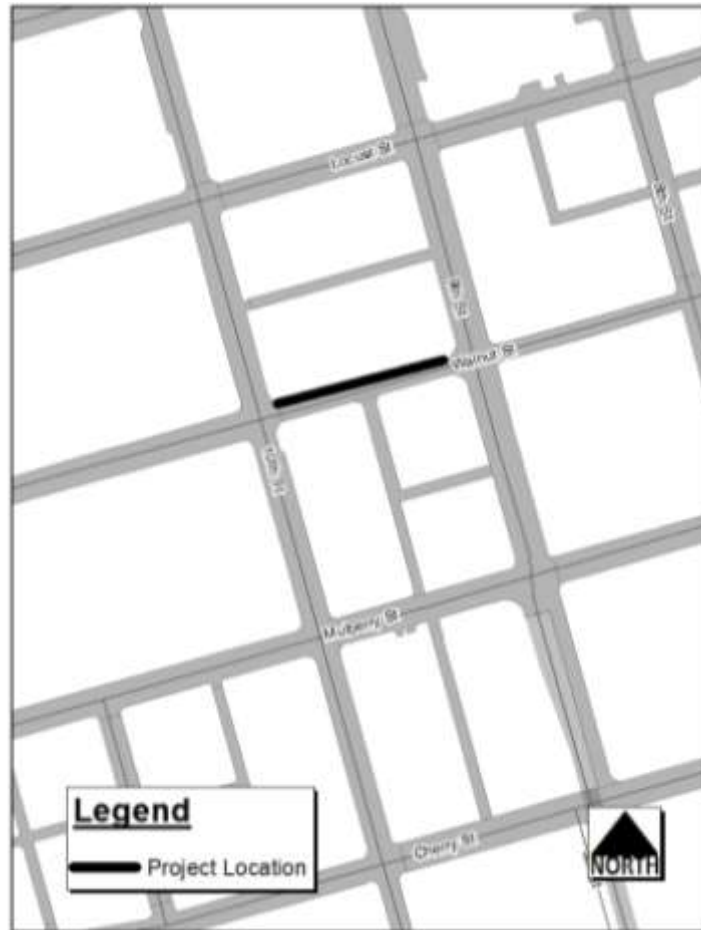
Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Kingston Services, LLC, Des Moines, IA
Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Newton, IA

T K Concrete Inc., Pella, IA
C. Green Contractor, Inc., Des Moines, IA

The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the Shijiazhuang Room, 2nd Floor, City Administration Building, 400 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on January 24, 2017.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Kingston Services, LLC, Dan Hutton, President, 1444 Illinois Street, Des Moines, IA, 50314 in the amount of \$161,905, 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: March 6, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-0329](#)

Action: [On](#) continuation of hearing on Walnut Street Bus Lane from 9th Street to 10th Street to March 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM. (Continued from February 6, 2017 meeting) ([Council Communication No. 17-088](#)) 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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