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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>62</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>17-1615</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>17-652</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Hearing on E. McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from S.E. 7th Street to S.E. 14th Street with Access Bridge; rejection of all bids on E. McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from S.E. 7th Street to S.E. 14th Street with Access Bridge; and close public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because no bids were received. This project provides for the reconstruction and widening of E. McKinley Avenue from west of S.E. 7th Street to S.E. 14th Street, and includes the relocation of an access road with a new bridge over Yeader Creek.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$4,725,000 City Engineer’s estimate

Funding Source: 2017-2018 CIP, Page Street – 21, McKinley Avenue Widening - Fleur Drive to E. Indianola Avenue, ST212, Being: \$2,244,920 in G.O. Bonds; \$368,000 in Storm Water Utility Funds transferred from SM057; \$332,080 from Des Moines Water Works, and the remaining \$1,800,000 in G.O. Bonds.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- On August 14, 2017, under Roll Call No. 17-1331, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from S.E. 7th Street to S.E. 14th Street with Access Bridge. 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. McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from S.E. 7th Street to S.E. 14th Street with Access Bridge, 06-2017-016.
- The improvement includes constructing a new paved access between Southdale Center and E. McKinley Avenue with 6-inch Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) curb and gutter and 6-inch Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) paving, constructing a Continuous Concrete Slab (CCS) bridge across Yeader Creek, along with reconstructing E. McKinley Avenue with PCC curb and gutter, 8.5-inch HMA paving, reinforced concrete box culvert extensions, PCC sidewalk and driveways,

storm sewer, earthwork and grading, water main construction, traffic signals, erosion control, and restoration; all in accordance with contract documents, including Plan File Nos.586-001/300, located along E. McKinley Avenue from just west of S.E. 7th Street to S.E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:  
NO BIDS RECEIVED
- 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 August 29, 2017.
- The City Engineer recommends rejection of all bids because no bids were received. In addition to distributing bidding documents to seven (7) Plan Rooms, there were 25 contractors that obtained bidding documents, of which 10 of the 25 contractors indicated they would be prime contractors. Staff contacted several contractors to determine the main reasons why no bids were submitted. The contractors typically noted that the 2-week bid period was too short for a project with so many components such as this project; additionally, this time of year is particularly busy with limited time to review and bid on a complex project. Also, the completion provisions were considered too restrictive and should consider more generous completion provisions. Engineering staff will review and modify the completion provisions, extend the bid period, and will rebid in the near future.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 14, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1331](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (B) E. McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from S.E. 7th Street to S.E. 14th Street with Access Bridge: Receiving of bids, (8-29-17). Setting date of hearing, (9-11-17). Construction estimate, \$4,725,000. ([Council Communication No. 17-589](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Ordering construction, setting date of hearing, and receiving of bids in the near future.

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