


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	18-619	Meeting:	November 19, 2018
	Agenda Item:	47	Roll Call:	18-1949
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Riverview Park Improvements: Reject all bids on Riverview Park Improvements and to close the Hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and engineer's estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because there was only one (1) bid received and the apparent low bid exceeded the estimate by 17.42%. This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Riverview Park Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The project provides for the construction of a new performance stage at the historical Riverview Park site.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: None at this time. Project to be rebid.

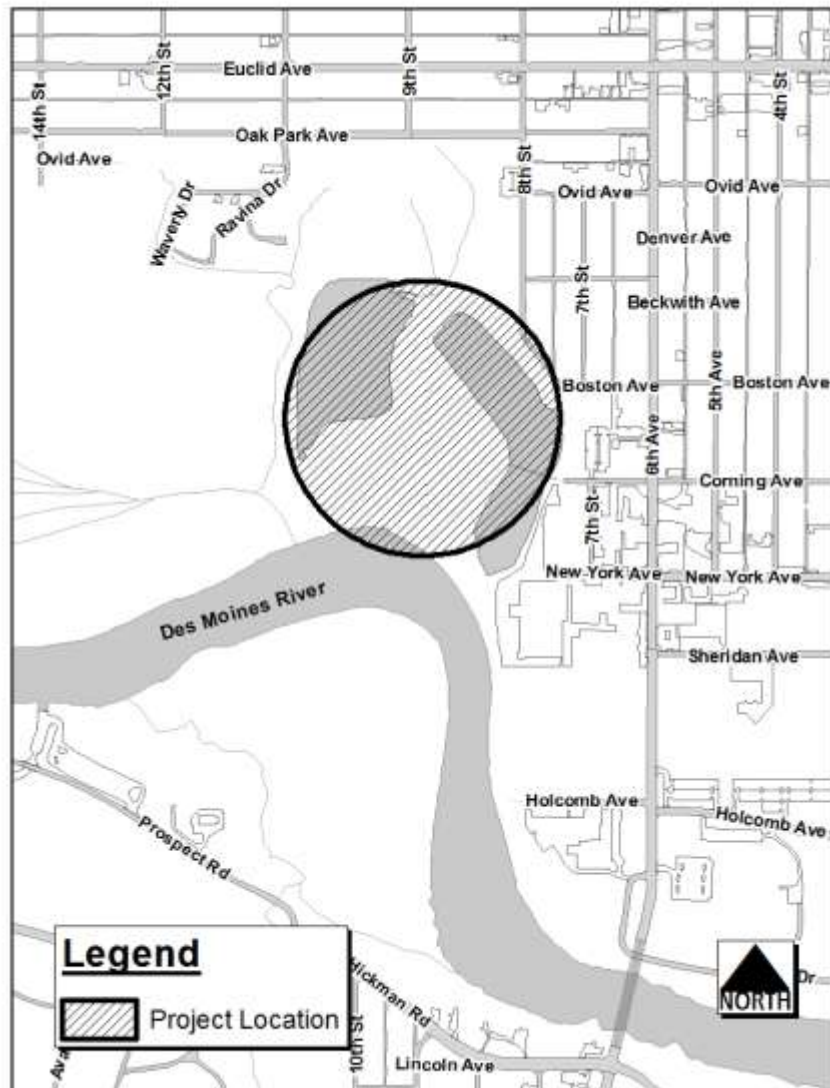
Funding Source: 2018-2019 CIP, Page Park – 12, Riverview Park - Earthwork and Stage, PK181, Being: \$155,000 G.O. Bonds, \$350,000 in private contributions received, and \$250,000 in private contributions to be received upon substantial completion

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On October 22, 2018, under Roll Call No. 18-1726, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Riverview Park Improvements. 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 Riverview Park Improvements, 11-2018-006. The improvement includes new Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) foundations, stairs, walkways and stage, aggregate piers, custom fabricated handrails, flagpole, signage, new electrical service, lighting, water service, fire hydrant, landscaping, surface restoration and other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 598-065/104, located at 710 Corning Street, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Synergy Contracting, LLC, Bondurant, IA

- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on November 6, 2018.
- There was only one (1) bid submitted and the apparent low bid was submitted by Synergy Contracting LLC, Jesse Rognes, President, 1120 2nd Street NE, Bondurant, IA, 50035, with a base bid amount of \$886,550, which was 17.42% over the project estimate of \$755,000; and a base bid plus add-alternates amount of \$1,064,750, which was 18.31% over the base bid plus add-alternates estimate of \$900,000. Engineering staff contacted the other three (3) contractors (OLP Construction, Lang Construction Group and Koester Construction) that attended the pre-bid meeting, and these contractors noted they waited until the day before the bid date to prepare their bids and did not have good sub-pricing that considered the phasing issues. All three (3) contractors said that they would have bid if they had more time and should have been more proactive with their subs to better understand the phases of the project; however, they just didn't get finalized pricing from their subcontractors. Therefore, the Des Moines City Engineer, as the Engineer, recommends rebidding the project during the next bidding phase with revised plans defining a more detailed scope.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 22, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1726](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (D) [Riverview](#) Park Improvements: Receiving of bids, (11- 6-18), Setting date of hearing, (11-19-18). Engineer's estimate - \$755,000. ([Council Communication No. 18-526](#)) Moved by Gatto 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 later in the future.

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