


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-552	Meeting:	December 16, 2019
	Agenda Item:	6A	Roll Call:	19-1977
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Weeks Middle School Park Improvements - Receiving bids, (1-14-20), and Setting date of hearing, (2-10-20). Construction Estimate - \$917,369.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project includes the construction of a playground with play equipment, loop path with neighborhood connections at Weeks Middle School, enhanced recreation/athletic fields, full basketball court, open-air shelter and storm water improvements consisting of installation of a storm water retention basin.

FISCAL IMPACT:

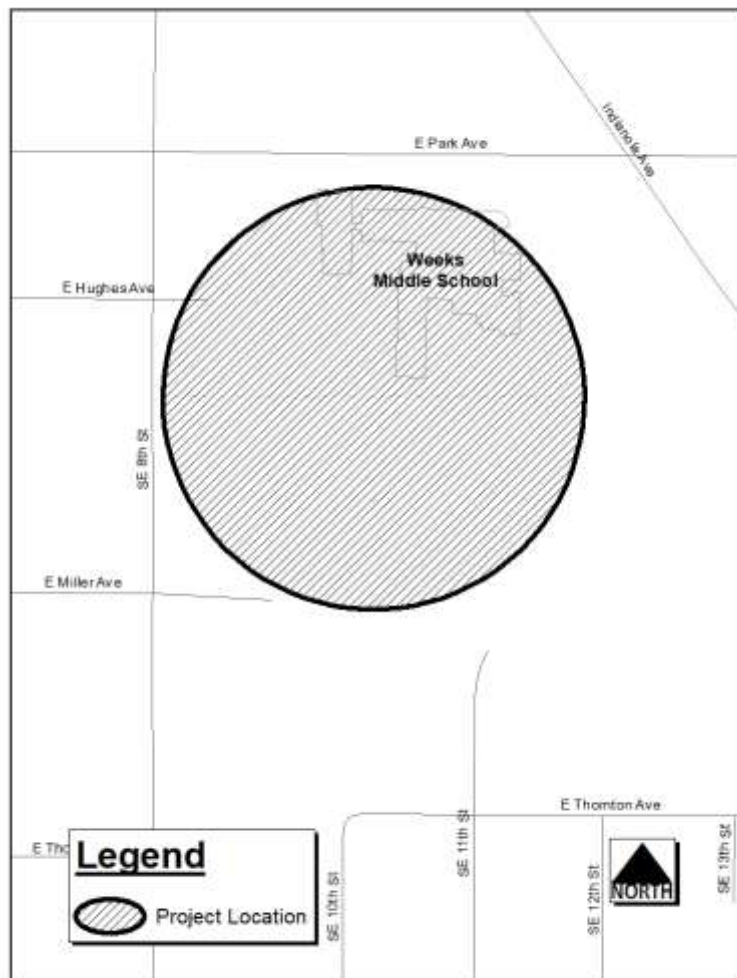
Amount: \$917,369 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: to be in 2020-21 CIP, Page Park – TBD, Weeks Middle School Park, C040PK99, Being: \$617,434 in G.O. Bonds issued; \$299,935 in G.O. Bonds to be issued.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Weeks Middle School Park Improvements, 11-2020-001. The improvement includes clearing and grubbing, Class 10 excavation, storm sewer installation, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement, prefabricated shelters, rubber surfacing, pavement markings, traffic control, fencing, seeding, and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup and restoration; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 613-111/127, located at Weeks Middle School, 901 E. Park Avenue.
- The estimated construction cost is \$917,369. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

- The City and the School District, in conjunction with Weeks Middle School staff and neighborhood residents, following a series of public meetings and meetings with the Weeks Middle School’s leadership, teachers and students, established a mutually agreed to conceptual plan indicating improvements to be constructed at the site.
- The proposed improvements are mutually beneficial to both the City and the School District, as it helps the City accomplish the adopted LiveDSM goal of every resident being within a 10-minute walk of a park or recreation facility and will provide the School District with exterior improvements not feasible within their current funding projections.
- As a result of this project, it is estimated that an additional 3,550 people will now have a high-quality park within a 10-minute walk of their home, helping to reach the LiveDSM goal of ensuring all people have access to high-quality parks and trails near their home.
- On November 18, 2019, under Roll Call No. 19-1845, the City Council approved a 28E Agreement with the Des Moines Independent Community School District for the construction and maintenance of Weeks Middle School Park Improvements.
- Construction is scheduled to occur in 2020.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 18, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1845](#)

Action: [Chapter](#) 28E Agreement with the Des Moines Independent Community School District regarding Weeks Middle School Park. ([Council Communication No. 19-486](#)) Moved by Boesen to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approval of contract and bond, partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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