


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>20-062</b>	Meeting:	<b>February 10, 2020</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>51</b>	Roll Call:	[ _____ ]
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Weeks Middle School Park Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as GTG Construction, LLC, Tracy D. Grasso, Owner/Managing Partner, \$691,424.55.

## SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Weeks Middle School Park Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. 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:

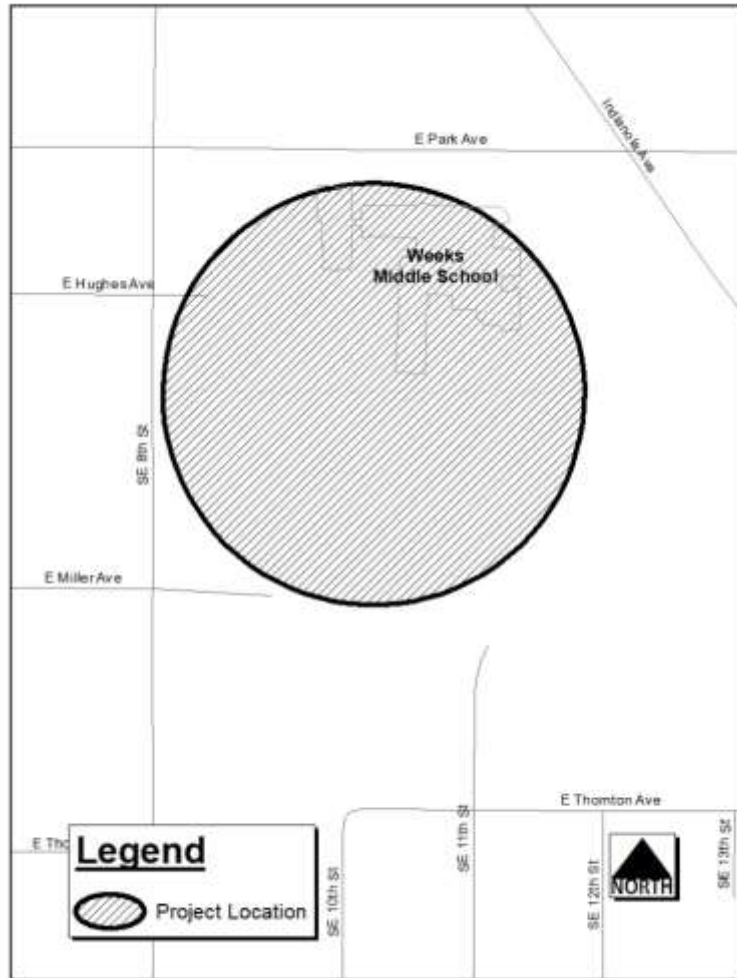
Amount: \$691,424.55 Construction Contract (\$812,345 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: to be in 2020-21 CIP, Page Park – TBD, Weeks Middle School Park, C040PK99, Being: \$617,434 in G.O. Bonds issued; \$73,990.55 in G.O. Bonds to be issued.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 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.

- Currently, approximately 69% of Des Moines residents live within a 10-minute walk from a park or trail; however, much of the area surrounding Weeks Middle School does not currently have a park within that 10-minute walk, so it was identified as a good candidate to improve the school grounds for use as a public park.
- 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 December 16, 2019, under Roll Call No. 19-1977, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Weeks Middle School 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 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.
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
  - GTG Construction, LLC, Johnston, IA
  - Berkey Homebuilders d/b/a Concrete Professionals, Altoona, IA
  - Lang Construction Group, Inc., West Des Moines, IA
  - Caliber Concrete, LLC, Adair, IA
  - Synergy Contracting, LLC, Bondurant, IA
  - Lansink Construction, Inc., Johnston, IA
  - RW Excavating Solutions, LC, Prairie City, IA - bid not read, Power of Attorney did not sign bid bond.
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on January 14, 2020.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by GTG Construction, LLC (Tracy D. Grasso, Owner/Managing Partner, 6505 Merle Hay Road, Suite A, Johnston, IA, 50131), in the amount of \$691,424.55, 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: December 16, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1977](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (A) [Weeks](#) Middle School Park Improvement: Receiving of bids, (1-14-20), Setting date of hearing, (2-10-20). Engineer's estimate, \$917,369. ([Council Communication No. 19-552](#)) Moved by Gatto 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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