


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-206	Meeting:	May 10, 2021
	Agenda Item:	6E	Roll Call:	21-0671
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Witmer Park Playground and Restroom Improvements - Receiving bids, (6-15-21), and Setting date of hearing, (6-28-21). Construction Estimate - \$524,000.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order 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. The project includes the construction of a new restroom facility along 37th Street, construction of new sidewalks, and a beam curb to delineate a new playground area. Playground equipment will be purchased and installed at a later date, subject to City Council approval, as a part of a neighborhood volunteer build day. This project is Phase 2 of the improvements in Witmer Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$524,000 City Engineer's Estimate

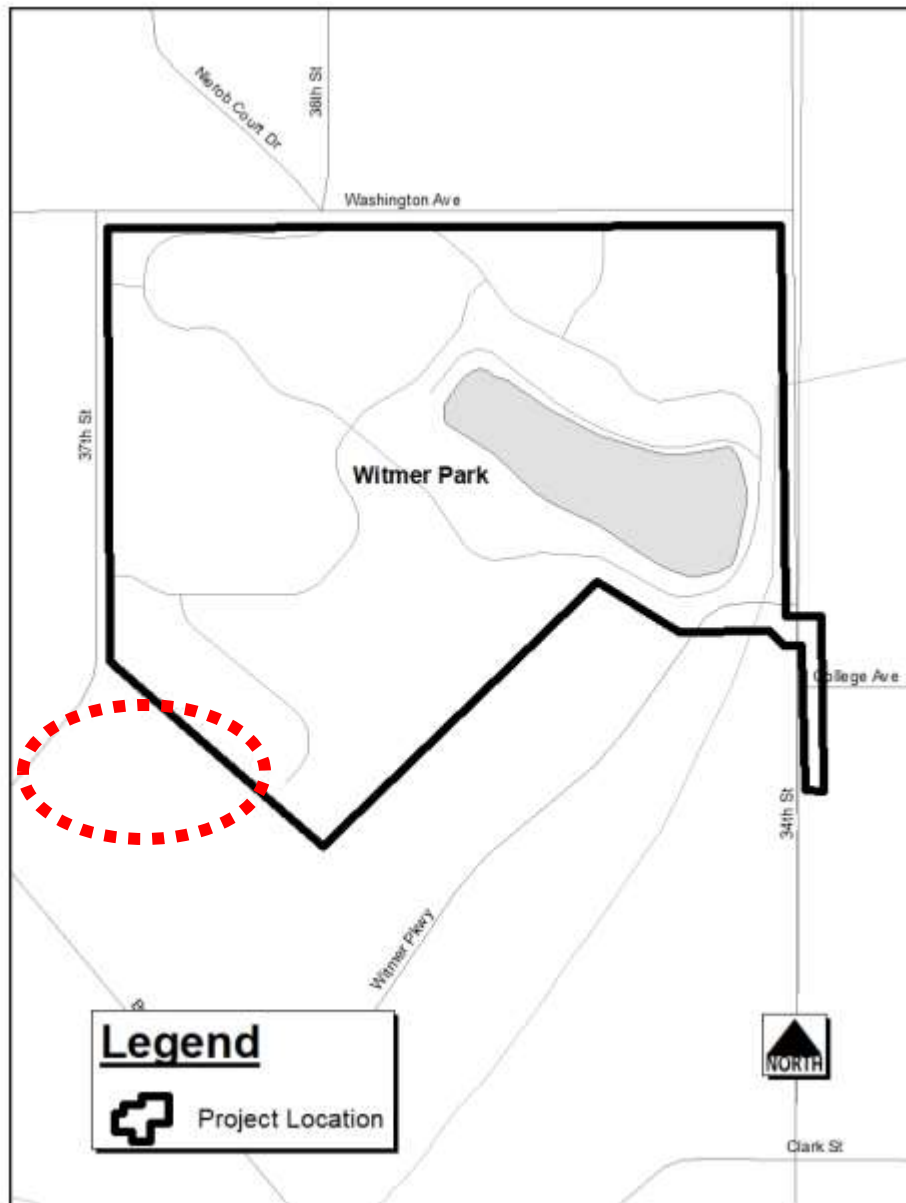
Funding Source: 2021-2022 CIP, Page 79, Witmer Park Improvements, PK184, Being: \$57,003 GO Bonds Issued; \$112,344 GO Bonds Issued transferred from PK137; \$183,490 Private; \$171,163 GO Bonds Issued transferred from PK143.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Witmer Park Playground and Restroom Improvements, Activity ID No. 11-2021-004. The improvement includes earthwork, subdrain, water service installation, sanitary sewer service installation, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalk, PCC beam curb, new 500-square-foot restroom building including foundation excavation, new concrete foundations, concrete flatwork, masonry walls, steel canopy structure, metal doors and frames, aluminum storefront windows, standing seam metal roof system, painting, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems, miscellaneous site amenities, seeding and restoration, and other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No's. 623-164/201, at Witmer Park, 1610 34th Street.

- The estimated construction cost is \$524,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- Construction of this public improvement project is anticipated to start this summer 2021 and be completed by late spring 2022.
- This project is financially supported by a \$150,000 Polk County Betterment Grant for the restroom improvement and \$33,490, which was raised by the Drake and Beavertdale Neighborhoods and a memorial donor in coordination with the Friends of Des Moines Parks to support the installation of a drinking fountain with the contracted project and the playground equipment shown below outside of this engineering contract.





PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 3, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0944](#) and [19-0945](#)

Action: [On](#) Witmer Park Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder as Koester Construction Company, Inc. (Paul Koester, President), \$1,103,550.90. ([Council Communication No. 19-245](#)) Moved by Gray to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) [Approving](#) contract and bond and permission to sublet. Moved by Gray to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: February 17, 2021

Resolution Number: [#21-08](#)

Action: Motion by Thompson to approve. Seconded by Strong. Motion carried 9-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

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

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