


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-332	Meeting:	July 19, 2021
	Agenda Item:	71	Roll Call:	21-11763
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Ashworth Pool and Northwest Pool Painting Improvements: Reject all bids on Ashworth Pool and Northwest Pool Painting Improvements and close the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because there were only two (2) bids received, with one (1) bid not read due to errors in the bidding proposal, and the apparent low bid exceeded the project estimate by 50%. This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Ashworth Pool and Northwest Pool Painting Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for concrete crack repairs, joint repairs, and painting of the Ashworth and Northwest Pools.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: 2021-2022 CIP, Page 70, Swimming Pools and Aquatic Infrastructure, PK153, G. O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On June 14, 2021, under Roll Call No. 21-0834, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Ashworth Pool and Northwest Pool Painting 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 Ashworth Pool and Northwest Pool Painting Improvements, Activity ID 11-2021-010. The improvement includes Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) crack sealing, PCC joint repairs, and painting; all in accordance with the contract documents, located at 101 SW 45th Street and 4915 Madison Avenue.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - TMI Coatings, Inc., St. Paul, MN, Low Bid
 - Superior Painting & Epoxy Coating, LLC, Ankeny, Iowa - Bid not read – proposal missing multiple pages
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on June 29, 2021.
- There were only two (2) bids received and one (1) of the bids was not read. The apparent low bid was submitted by TMI Coatings, Inc. (Tracy M. Giori, President, 2805 Dodd Road, St. Paul, MN 55121), in the amount of \$204,000, which was 50% over the project estimate of \$136,000. The other bid was missing several pages from the proposal and therefore was not read.
- Staff contacted several contractors to determine the reasons why no other bids were submitted. The main reason indicated was that they were already committed to other work during the same construction period.
- The Des Moines City Engineer, in concurrence with Parks Department and Facilities Division staff, recommends performing some interim crack painting by City staff and the pool painting project to be rebid when the bidding environment is deemed to be more favorable.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 14, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0834](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (E) [Ashworth](#) Pool and Northwest Pool Painting Improvements: Receiving of bids, (6-29-21) and Setting date of hearing, (6-29-21) and Setting date of hearing, (7-19-21). Engineer's estimate, \$136,000. ([Council Communication No. 21-243](#)) 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 in the future.

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