


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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| <br>CITY OF DES MOINES<br>OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER | Number:       | <b>23-074</b>  | Meeting:   | <b>February 20, 2023</b> |
|   | Agenda Item:  | <b>41</b>  | Roll Call: | <b>23-0245</b>           |
|   | Submitted by: | <b>Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director</b> |            |                          |

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of additional funds of \$100,000 for the annual agreement with Stone Cross Lawn & Landscape LLC for sidewalk snow removal services to be used by the Public Works Department, estimated annual amount \$400,000.

## SYNOPSIS:

During the winter of 2022-2023, the City added 3.2-miles of protected bike lanes encompassed within various streetscapes throughout the City. Due to a lack of snow storage on these streetscapes, each storm event results in the loading of snow from these areas and hauling it away.

This resulted in an additional \$59,000 through January 30, 2023 snow events. Each additional snow event between one (1) and four (4) inches of snow will incur an additional \$15,350 cost for the streetscape areas.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$100,000

Funding Source: 2022-2023 Operating Budget, Public Works Department, Street Maintenance S360, PW240402, Page 225.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In a snow event with 1-4 inches of snow, the City is responsible for 26.7-miles of sidewalk snow removal, of which 22.8-miles are contracted. Included in that contract are 3.2-miles of protected bike lanes associated with streetscapes.
- In a storm event with snow accumulation between 1-4 inches, the City pays \$16,116 for 19.7-miles of a 4-foot-wide regular sidewalk clearing (\$818 per mile). During that same snow event, the City pays \$15,350 for the streetscape snow removal (\$4,172 per mile). The principal difference is the cost to load and haul the snow from the streetscapes.
- The addition of the streetscape snow clearance will increase the budget an estimated \$100,000 for the 2022-2023 winter season.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: November 23, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1914](#)

Action: Purchases from the following:

- (C) [Stone](#) Cross Lawn & Landscape LLC (Brad Puckett, Owner) for an annual contract with four (4) additional one-year renewal options to furnish sidewalk snow removal services at various City properties as requested by the Public Works Department, \$300,000 maximum. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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