


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-081	Meeting:	February 20, 2023
	Agenda Item:	54	Roll Call:	23-267
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Western Gateway Water Features: Reject all bids and close the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and engineer's estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because there were only two (2) bids received and the apparent low bid exceeded the estimate by 48%. This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Western Gateway Water Features and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The project provides for the adaptive reuse of the existing runnel water feature located in Western Gateway Park and the construction of landscaping, accent lighting, accessible walkways, and water features.

FISCAL IMPACT:

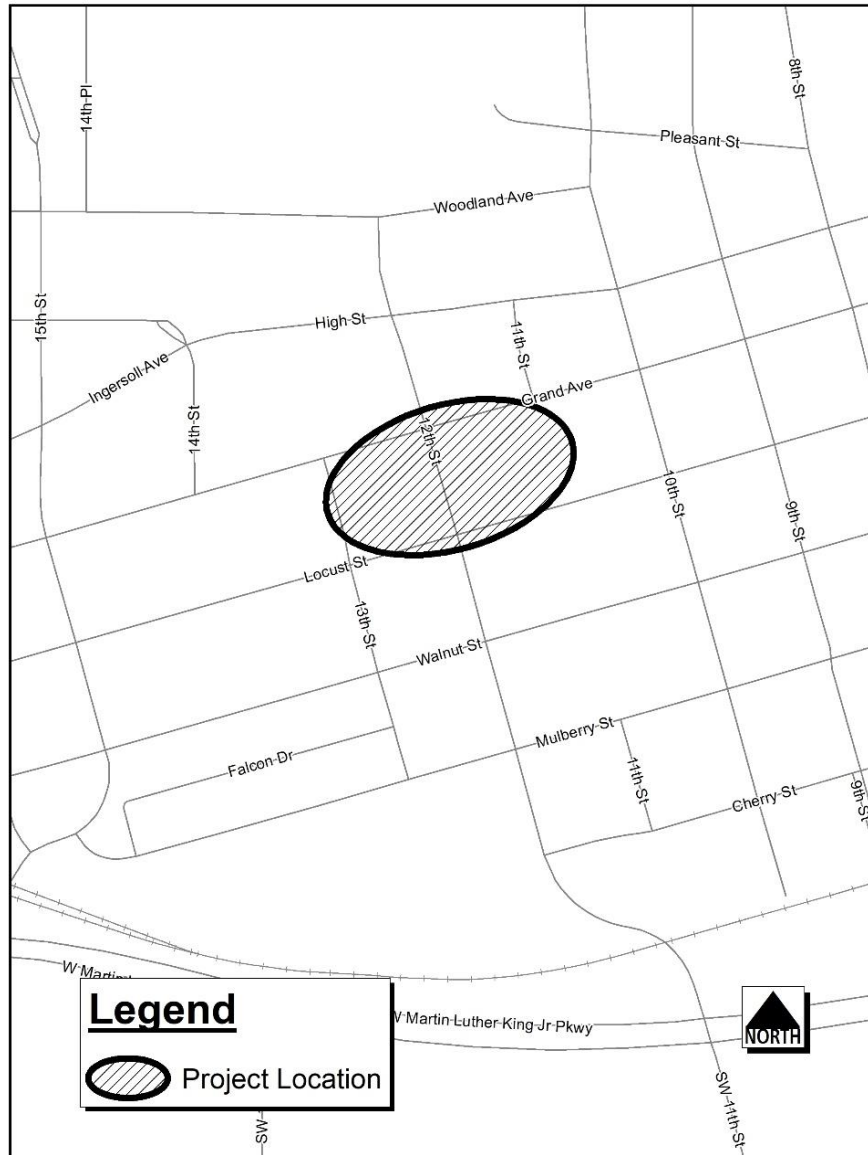
Amount: None

Funding Source: 2022-23 CIP, Page 71, Park Improvements, PK137, Being: \$835,000 Tax Increment Funding Bonds and \$90,000 General Obligation Bonds to be issued.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On January 23, 2023, under Roll Call No. 23-0089, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Western Gateway Water Features. 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 Western Gateway Water Features, 112022014. The improvements include the construction of water spray features, accent lighting, limestone features, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalk, drainage piping, water service lines, electrical work, trees, and restoration, all in accordance with contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 651-237/290, at Western Gateway Park located in the 1100 to 1300 blocks between Grand Avenue and Locust Street.
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - MPS Engineers, P.C. d/b/a Kingston Services, P.C., Des Moines, IA - Low Bid
 - Minturn, Inc., Brooklyn, IA

- 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 February 7, 2023.
- Only two (2) bids were submitted, and the apparent low bid was submitted by MPS Engineers, P.C. d/b/a Kingston Services, P.C. (Umesh G. Shetye, President, 1444 Illinois Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50314), in the amount of \$1,371,813, which is 48% or \$446,813 over the Engineer's estimate of \$925,000. Engineering and Parks Department staff have reviewed the bids and recommend decreasing the scope of the project and rebidding the project in the future.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 23, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0089](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (D) [Western](#) Gateway Water Features: Receiving of bids, (2-7-23) and Setting date of hearing, (2-20-23), Engineer's estimate, \$925,000. ([Council Communication No. 23-035](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

The project will be redesigned to fit within the budget. Ordering construction, setting date of hearing, and receiving bids in the future.

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the first floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to cityclerk@dmgov.org.