


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  | Number: | 24-403 | Meeting: | October 7, 2024 |
| | Agenda Item: | 6F | Roll Call: | 24-1330 |
| | Submitted by: | Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer | | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Sayers Park Sprayground - Receiving bids, (11-5-24), and Setting date of hearing, (12-9-24). (Construction Estimate - \$1,200,000).

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 provides for the construction of a new sprayground, multi-purpose sport court, sidewalks, playground equipment, site furnishings and associated improvements in Sayers Park to provide improved play opportunities and to better serve the neighborhood.

FISCAL IMPACT:

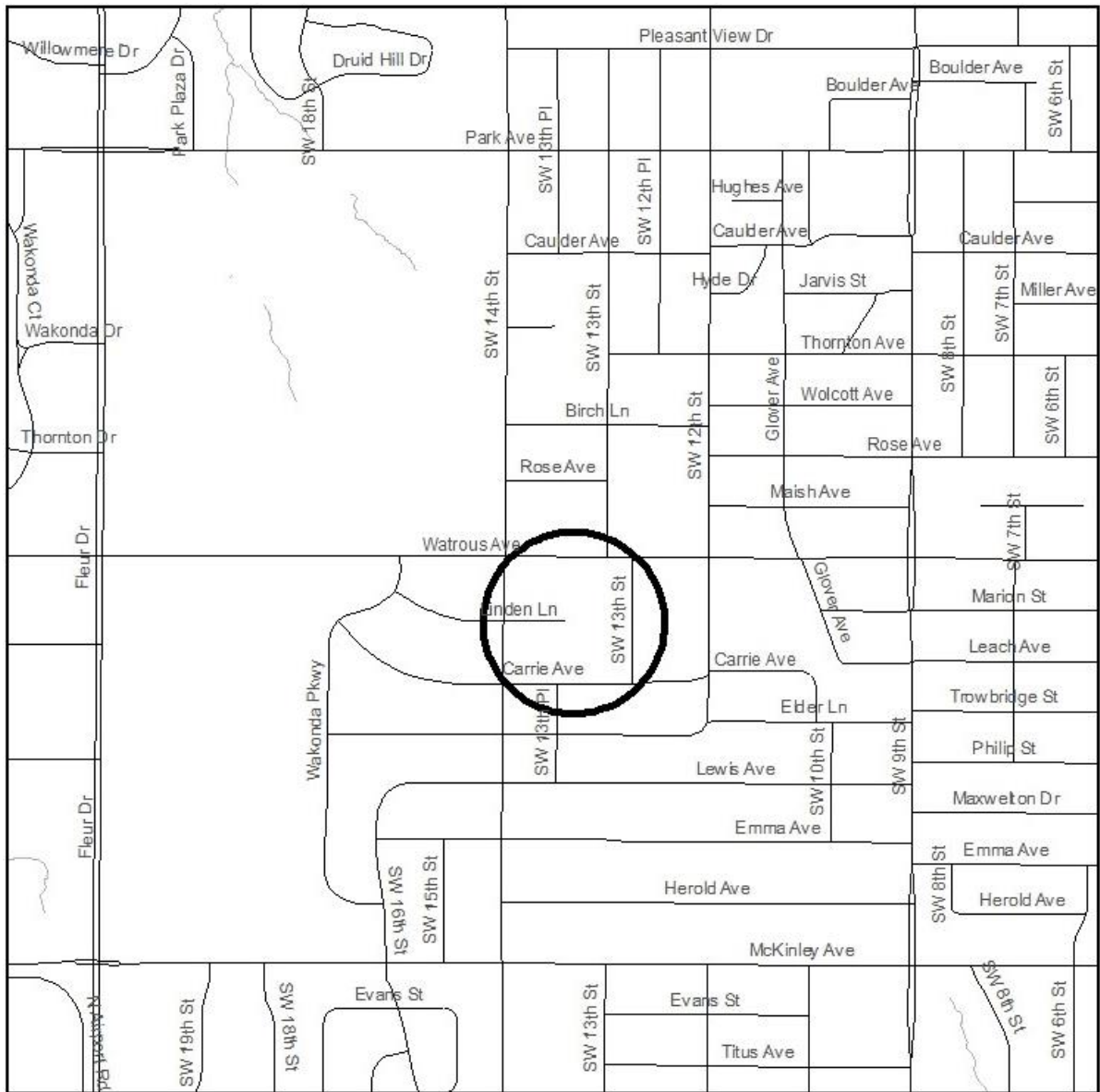
Amount: \$1,200,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 61, Sprayground Improvements, PK034, Being: \$1,138,700 General Fund transfer made possible with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, Local Option Sales and Services Tax, and G.O. Bonds; and the remaining \$61,300 in Storm water Funds transferred from SM057

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Sayers Park Sprayground, Activity ID 11-2019-011. The improvement includes the construction of new Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sprayground, PCC sport court, PCC sidewalks, PCC paving, acrylic finishing, playground equipment, site furnishings, water service line, water spray features, electrical work, drainage piping, storm sewer, earthwork, and restoration, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 665-085/118, located in Sayers Park, 1300 Linden Lane.

- The estimated construction cost is \$1,200,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- Sayers Park is a four (4)-acre park located in the Watrous South neighborhood where 2,390 persons live within a 10-minute walk of the park. The park contributes to the LiveDSM goal of supporting all people having access to high-quality parks and trails near their home.
- This project will remove the existing, outdated wading pool at Sayers Park and construct new park facilities including a sprayground, sidewalks, playground, multi-purpose sport court, parking area, utilities, and landscaping.
- Replacing the outdated wading pool, which is at the end of its lifecycle, with a new modern sprayground will extend the hours and number of days of operation and alleviate the need for on-site wading pool staff, thus providing a higher level of service including increased accessibility and inclusivity.
- Public input was received through numerous stand-alone public meetings and online questionnaires, as well as meetings with Watrous South Neighborhood Association. These efforts helped to communicate conceptual planning options and resulted in consensus regarding the final configuration for park improvements.
 - Sayers Park Online Survey: August 1 – August 31, 2023. Online survey offering the opportunity for input, feedback and prioritization of proposed improvements.
 - Watrous South Neighborhood Association Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at Christ King Pastoral Center, 820 Porter Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50315.
 - Sayer Park Improvements Open House: Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Walker Shelter in MacRae Park.
 - Sayers Park Improvements Project Website: Website providing information, progress, and Parks and Recreation Department contact information for park improvements.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed in the fall 2025.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 19, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0236](#)

Action: [Approving](#) exception to Request for Proposal process for good cause and approving Professional Services Agreement with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for design services for the Sayers Park Sprayground Design, not to exceed \$114,500. ([Council Communication No. 24-079](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: September 18, 2024

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion to Approve by Reiman. Seconded by Stieler. Motion Carried 8-0.

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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