


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-458	Meeting:	November 18, 2024
	Agenda Item:	40	Roll Call:	24-1594
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Birdland and Ashworth Pool Building Repairs: 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 16.4%. This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Birdland and Ashworth Pool Building Repairs and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project includes the installation of new lighting, refacing of concrete block, and repointing of mortar joints at Ashworth and Birdland Pool Facilities, plus an add-alternate to construct a shade structure at the Ashworth Pool Facility.

FISCAL IMPACT:

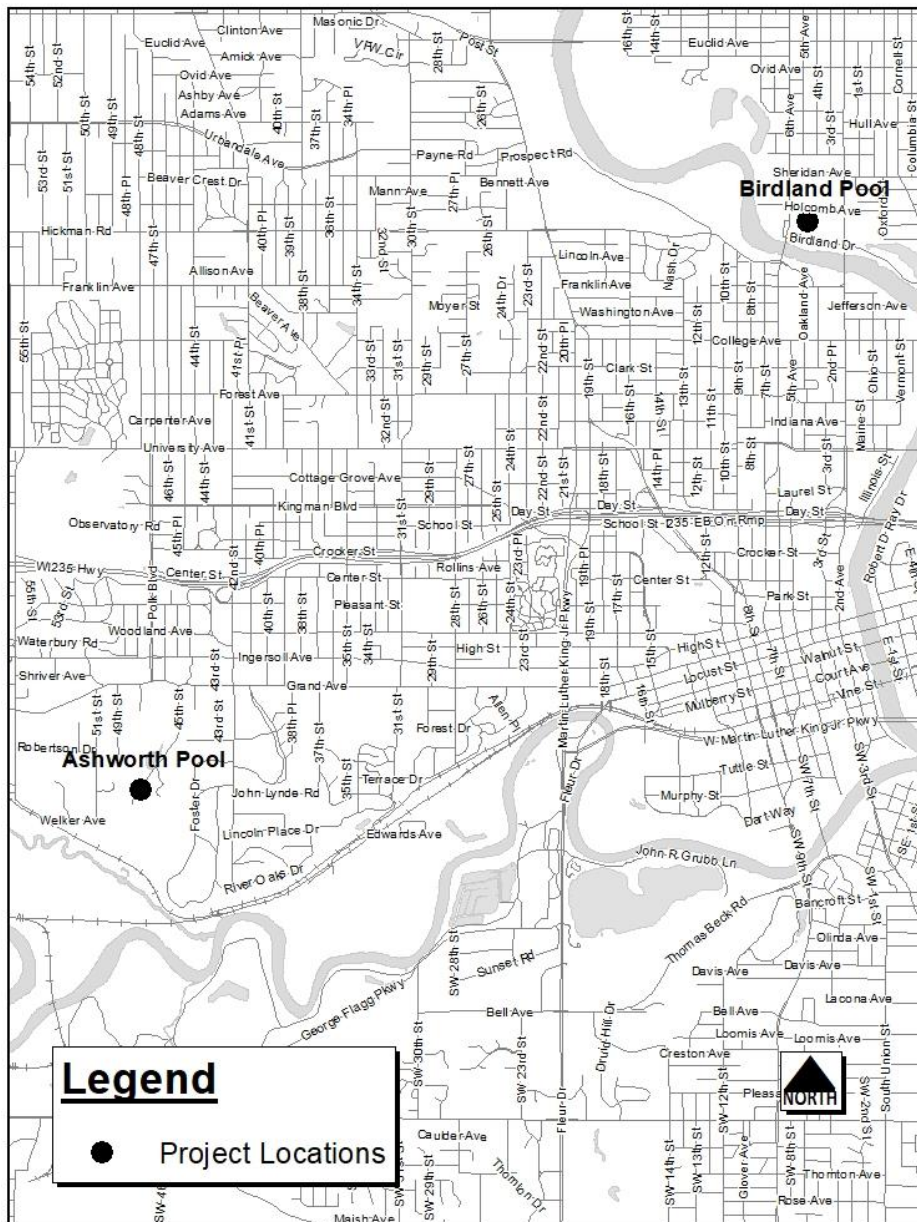
Amount: None

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 68, Swimming Pools and Aquatic Infrastructure, PK153, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On October 7, 2024, under Roll Call No. 24-1327, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Birdland and Ashworth Pool Building Repairs. 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 Birdland and Ashworth Pool Building Repairs, Activity ID 11-2024-013. The improvement includes the demolition of existing lighting, removal of mortar joints and glazed faces of concrete block, new lighting, repointing of mortar joints throughout, painting, and an add-alternate to construct a shade structure, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 665-001/018, located at Birdland Pool Facility (300 Holcomb Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa) and at Ashworth Pool Facility (102 45th Street).

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Bi-State Masonry, Inc., Rock Island, IL - Low Bid
 - TNT Tuckpointing and Building Restoration, L.L.C., Stockton, 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, IA at 11:00 a.m. on October 22, 2024.
- Only two (2) bids were submitted, and the apparent low bid was submitted by Bi-State Masonry, Inc. (Chris Belser, President, 3511 8th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201) in the amount of \$317,776 for the base bid, which is 16.4% or \$44,776 over the Engineer's base bid estimate of \$273,000. Engineering and Parks Department staff have reviewed the bids and recommend reevaluating the scope of the project for possible rebidding in the future.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 7, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1327](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (C) [Birdland](#) and Ashworth Pool Building Repairs: Receiving of bids, (10-22-24) and Setting date of hearing, (11-18-24), Engineer's estimate, \$273,000. ([Council Communication No. 24-400](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Reevaluation of the project and possible ordering construction, setting date of hearing, and receiving bids in the future.

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