


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-515	Meeting:	December 23, 2024
	Agenda Item:	6	Roll Call:	[]
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of contract and bond for construction of an improvement with an estimated cost which is less than the Iowa Code competitive bid threshold, Northwest Pool Repair and Painting Improvements, A1A Sandblasting (Iowa), Michael Marjama, Owner, \$89,200.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond for the Northwest Pool Repair and Painting Improvements. This project provides for cleaning, sandblasting, crack and joint repairs, surface repairs, and installing a new coating for the pool at the Northwest Aquatic Center.

FISCAL IMPACT:

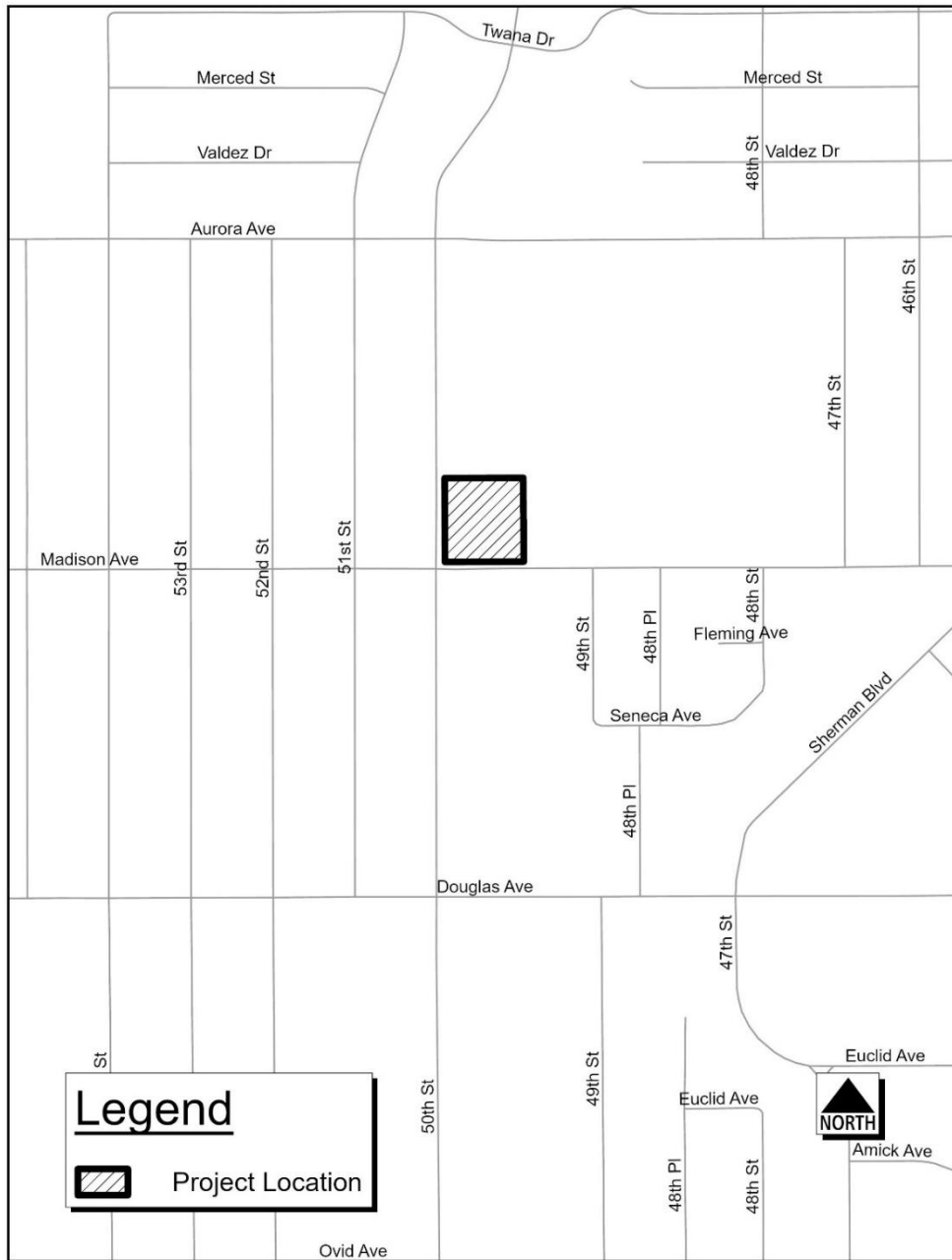
Amount: \$89,200 Construction Contract (\$100,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- For projects where the Engineer's estimated cost of a vertical infrastructure improvement is less than the competitive bid threshold under Iowa Code, which is currently \$196,000, a competitive quotation process may be utilized.
- Sections 26.3 and 26.12 of the Iowa Code exempt the governing body from advertisement for sealed bids and holding a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of a vertical infrastructure improvement when the Engineer's estimated cost for the improvement is less than the competitive bid threshold established in Iowa Code Section 314.1B.

- On February 12, 2007, under Roll Call No. 07-0291, the City Council approved bidding and contracting process changes for construction of improvements which included “Part II: New Competitive Quotation Process for Public Improvements,” which the City Engineer has utilized for this project to determine the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for construction of the proposed improvement.
- The City Engineer’s estimate of the following proposed improvement is \$100,000, which is less than the competitive bid threshold under Iowa Code.
- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer’s estimate for the construction of the Northwest Pool Repair and Painting Improvements, Activity ID 11-2025-001. The improvement includes repair and painting of the Northwest Pool, including Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) crack sealing, PCC joint repair, PCC concrete patching, and painting, all in accordance with the contract documents located at 4915 Madison Avenue and other locations as directed by the City Engineer.
- As part of a solicitation for proposals for said improvement, the plans and specifications were issued to contractors that normally bid on City of Des Moines projects of a similar nature, and were also posted on the Engineering Department’s project bidding webpage where all other public improvements are posted, requesting contractors to submit proposals to the office of the City Clerk or to the City Engineer on or before 11:00 a.m. on November 19, 2024.
- Bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - A1A Sandblasting (Iowa), Menahga, MN - Low Bid
 - Superior Painting & Epoxy Coating, LLC, Ankeny, IA
 - TMI Coatings, Inc., St. Paul, MN
- 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 November 19, 2024.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by A1A Sandblasting (Iowa) (Michael Marjama, Owner, 334 Main Street S.W., Menahga, MN 56464) in the amount of \$89,200, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- Previous work completed on the Northwest Pool included spot repairs and patching. This project includes the repair of all unsound concrete and full repainting of the entire pool.
- Northwest Aquatic Center’s attendance in 2024 was 25,226, and this facility hosted 947 swim lessons.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed by mid-May 2026.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 11, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1233](#)

Action: Accepting completed construction and approving final payment for the following:

- (C) [Ashworth](#) Pool and Northwest Pool Painting Improvements, A1A Sandblasting (Iowa). Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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