


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-306	Meeting:	August 18, 2025
	Agenda Item:	6a	Roll Call:	25-1096
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Birdland and Ashworth Pool Building Repairs - Receiving bids, (9-2-25), and Setting date of hearing, (9-29-25). (Construction Estimate - \$300,000).

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. This project includes the installation of new lighting, refacing of concrete block, and repointing of mortar joints at the Ashworth and Birdland Pool Facilities.

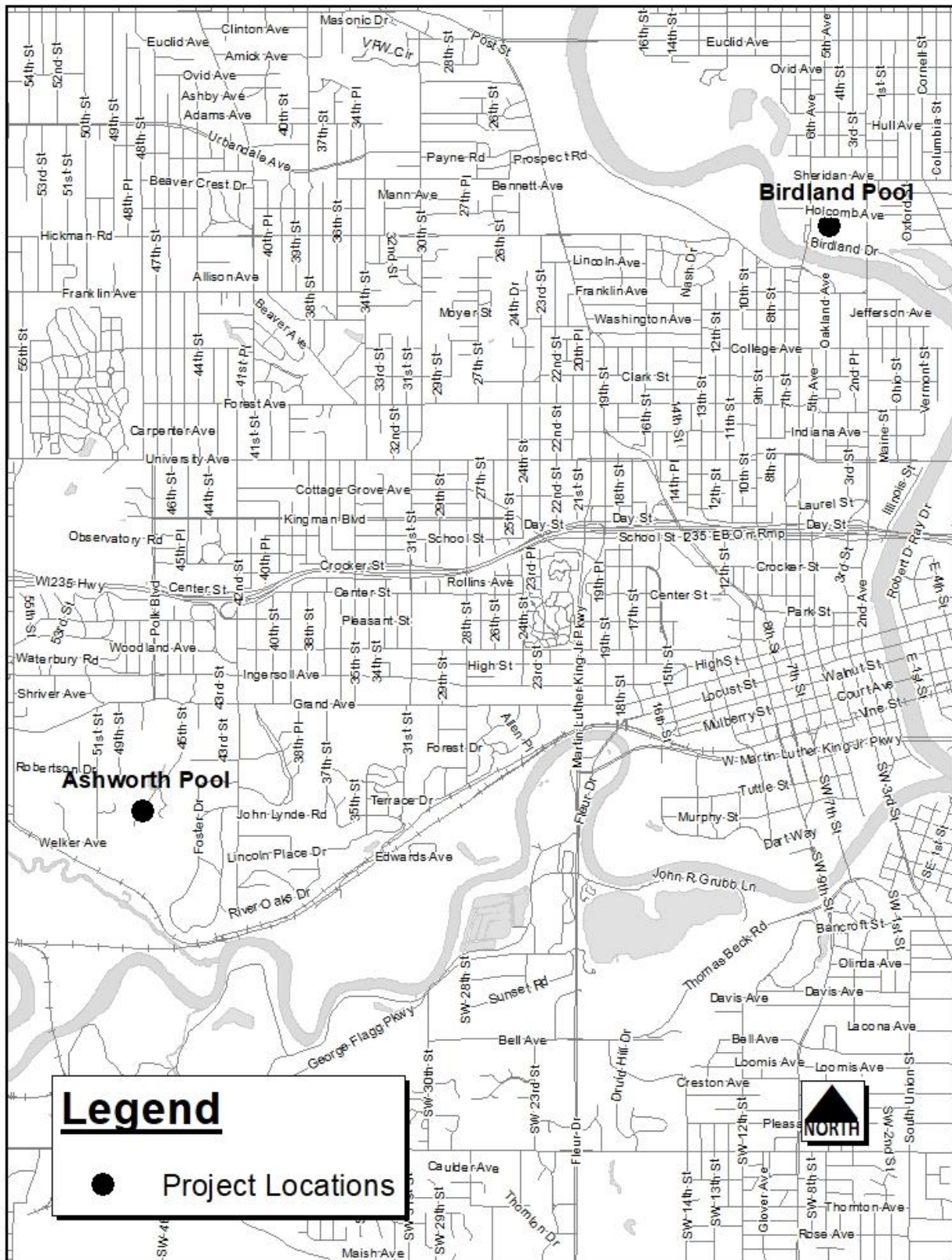
FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$300,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 81, Swimming Pools and Aquatic Infrastructure, PK153, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City 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, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 665-001/015, located at Birdland Pool Facility, 300 Holcomb Avenue, and Ashworth Pool Facility, 102 45th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and other locations directed by the Des Moines City Engineer.
- The estimated construction cost is \$300,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- Birdland Pool's attendance in 2024 was 12,977 and hosted 292 swim lessons and 292 diving lessons. Ashworth Pool's attendance in 2024 was 17,131 and hosted 601 swim lessons.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed in the fall 2026.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 18, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1594](#)

Action: [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. ([Council Communication No. 24-458](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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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