


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-166	Meeting:	May 4, 2026
	Agenda Item:	9	Roll Call:	26-0544
	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 a public improvement with estimated cost below Iowa Code competitive bid threshold, Nahas Pool Painting and Repairs, A1A Sandblasting (Iowa); Michael Marjama, Owner, \$128,860.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend receiving and filing competitive quotations, designating lowest quotation, and approving contract and bond for the Nahas Pool Painting and Repairs. This project provides for the repair and painting of the Nahas Aquatic Center pools and minor painting repairs at Ashby Park Splash Pool.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$128,860 Construction Contract (\$139,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

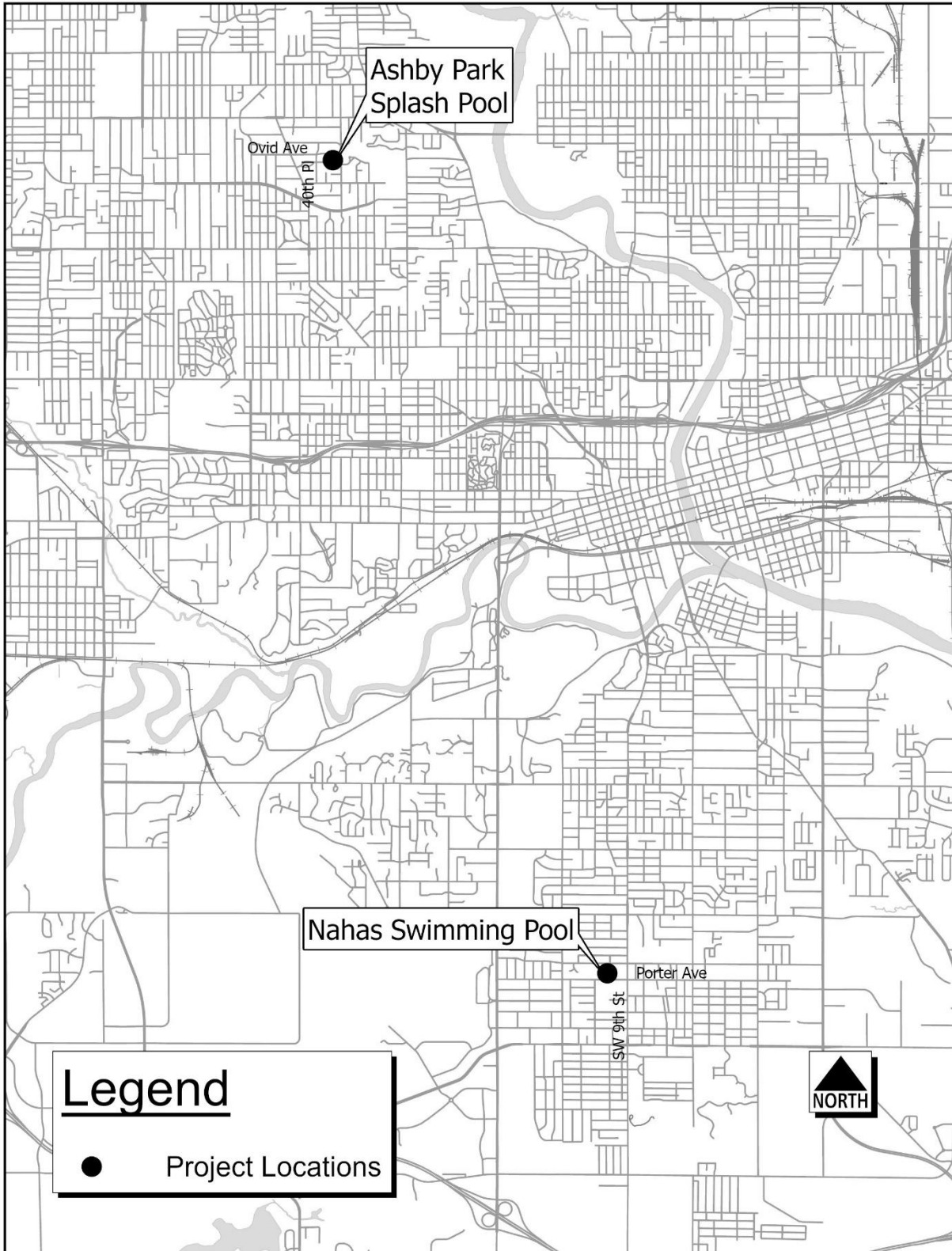
Funding Source: 2026-27 CIP, Page 79, Swimming Pools and Aquatic Infrastructure, PK153

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Iowa Code Sections 26.3 and 26.12 exempt the City from advertisement for sealed bids and holding a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of a public improvement when the Engineer's estimated cost for the public improvement is less than the competitive bid threshold established in Iowa Code Section 314.1B, which is currently \$206,000.
- The City Engineer has utilized the City's competitive quotation process for public improvements below said statutory competitive bid threshold, pursuant to the City's bidding and contracting process approved by the Des Moines City Council on February 12, 2007, under Roll Call No. 07-291.
- The City Engineer's estimate of the following proposed improvement is \$139,000, 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 Nahas Pool Painting and Repairs, Activity ID 11-2026-007. The improvement includes repair and painting of the Nahas Aquatic Center pools and minor painting repairs at Ashby Park Wading Pool, including Portland Cement

Concrete (PCC) crack sealing, PCC joint repair, PCC concrete patching, and painting, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 681-062/066, located at Nahas Aquatic Center, 1101 Porter Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, and at Ashby Park Wading Pool, 3200 38th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and other locations as directed by the City Engineer.

- As part of a solicitation for competitive quotations 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 advertised, requesting contractors to submit quotations to the office of the City Clerk or to the Des Moines City Engineer on or before 11:00 a.m. on April 21, 2026.
- Competitive quotations for said improvement were submitted by the following contractors:
 - A1A Sandblasting (Iowa), Menahga, MN – Low Quotation
 - McGill Restoration, Inc., Omaha, NE
 - Superior Painting & Epoxy Coating, LLC, Ankeny, IA – Quotation was withdrawn by Contractor due to serious error in preparation of its quotation.
 - TMI Coatings, LLC, Egan, MN – Quotation not read. Quotation was not signed by Contractor.
- Competitive quotations were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, T.M. Franklin Cownie City Administration Building, 1200 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on April 21, 2026.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible competitive quotation for the construction of said improvement was submitted by A1A Sandblasting (Iowa), 334 Main Street SW, Menahga, MN, 56464; (Michael Marjama, Owner), in the amount of \$128,860, and said quotation should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- Nahas Aquatic Center attendance in 2025 was 16,729 and hosted 761 swim lessons.
- Work on this project shall not begin until August 11, 2026, and the pools shall be ready to fill with water starting May 15, 2027.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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