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REJECT ALL BIDS ON
E. MCKINLEY AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION FROM S.E. 7TH STREET TO S.E. 14TH STREET WITH ACCESS
BRIDGE AND TO CLOSE THE HEARING ON THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM
OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2017, under Roll Call No. 17-1331, plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost were filed with the City Clerk for the construction of the following improvement:

E. McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from S.E. 7th Street to S.E. 14th Street with Access Bridge, 06-2017-016

The improvement includes constructing a new paved access between Southdale Center and E. McKinley Avenue with 6-inch Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) curb and gutter and 6-inch Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) paving, constructing a Continuous Concrete Slab (CCS) bridge across Yeader Creek, along with reconstructing E. McKinley Avenue with PCC curb and gutter, 8.5-inch HMA paving, reinforced concrete box culvert extensions, PCC sidewalk and driveways, storm sewer, earthwork and grading, water main construction, traffic signals, erosion control, and restoration; all in accordance with contract documents, including Plan File Nos.586-001/300, located along E. McKinley Avenue from just west of S.E. 7th Street to S.E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, notice of the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost was published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines City Engineer, as the Engineer, recommends rejection of all bids because no bids were received. In addition to distributing bidding documents to seven Plan Rooms, there were twenty-five contractors that obtained bidding documents, of which ten of the twenty-five contractors indicated they would be prime contractors. Staff contacted several contractors to determine the main reasons why no bids were submitted. The contractors typically noted that the two-week bid period was too short for a project with so many components such as this project. Additionally this time of year is particularly busy with limited time to review and bid on a complex project. Also the completion provisions were considered too restrictive and should consider more generous completion provisions. Engineering staff will review and modify the completion provisions, extend the bid period, and will rebid in the near future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA:
That the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost for said improvement be and is hereby **CLOSED**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

No bids received

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which were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the Engineer in the Shijiazhuang Room, 2nd Floor, City Administration Building, 400 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on August 29, 2017. Said bids and the attached tabulation of bids for said improvement be and are hereby received and filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all bids for said improvement, be and the same are hereby rejected because no bids were received. In addition to distributing bidding documents to seven Plan Rooms, there were twenty-five contractors that obtained bidding documents, of which ten of the twenty-five contractors indicated they would be prime contractors. Staff contacted several contractors to determine the main reasons why no bids were submitted. The contractors typically noted that the two-week bid period was too short for a project with so many components such as this project. Additionally this time of year is particularly busy with limited time to review and bid on a complex project. Also the completion provisions were considered too restrictive and should consider more generous completion provisions. Engineering staff will review and modify the completion provisions, extend the bid period, and will rebid in the near future.

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

FORM APPROVED Kathleen Vanderpool
Kathleen Vanderpool
Deputy City Attorney

(Council Communication No. 17-650)

AE Funding Source: 2017-2018 CIP, Page Street – 21, McKinley Avenue Widening - Fleur Drive to E. Indianola Avenue, ST212, Being: \$2,244,920 in G.O. Bonds; \$368,000 in Storm Water Utility Funds transferred from SM057; \$332,080 from Des Moines Water Works, and the remaining \$1,800,000 in G.O. Bonds

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	Pass	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED
T. M. Franklin Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Diane Rauh City Clerk