



Roll Call Number

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Agenda Item Number

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Date December 22, 2025

**PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS,
FORM OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE ON
JACKSON BASIN WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS;
RECEIVE AND FILE BIDS; AND DESIGNATION OF LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE
BIDDER AS ELDER CORPORATION, JARED R. ELDER II, PRESIDENT,
\$1,782,306.10**

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2025, under Roll Call No. 25-1465, 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 public improvement:

Jackson Basin Water Quality Improvements, Activity ID 082024005
IDALS Contract No. URBAN23WQUI-006 (Water Quality Initiative Program)

The improvement includes grading, on-site earthwork, earthwork export, Portland Concrete Cement (PCC) pavement removal, storm sewer, intakes, traffic control, restoration, seeding, and other miscellaneous associated work, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 676-001/022, located along the south side of the Des Moines River between SE 14th Street and SE 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa; and

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, in accordance with said notice, those interested in said proposed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost both for and against, have been given opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA: That upon due consideration of the facts, and any and all statements of interested persons, any objections to the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost for said public improvement are overruled and the hearing is closed and that said plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost are hereby approved.

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

Elder Corporation, Des Moines, IA – Low Bid
Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA
RW Excavating Solutions, LC, Prairie City, IA
Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA
C. J. Moyna & Sons, LLC, Elkader, IA (Bid not read - corrections to bid prices were not initialed, as required by SUDAS)

which were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on November 25, 2025. Said bids and the attached tabulation of bids for said improvement be and are hereby received and filed.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Des Moines City Engineer, as the Engineer, has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said public improvement was submitted by Elder Corporation, Jared R. Elder II, President, 5088 E. University Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50327 in the amount of \$1,782,306.10, and said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the bid security of the unsuccessful bidders be and is hereby authorized and directed to be returned in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Engineer is hereby directed to secure execution by the lowest responsible, responsive Bidder and its surety of the contract documents in the form heretofore approved by this Council; that the Engineer is directed to thereafter present said contract documents to this Council for approval and authorization to the Mayor to sign; and that no contract shall be deemed to exist between the City of Des Moines and said Bidder until said contract has been executed by the Bidder, and shall have been approved by this Council and executed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the necessary closure of all public grounds, streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, culverts, overpasses, underpasses, grade crossing separations and approaches, public ways, squares, and commons for the Project.

(Council Communication No. 25463 attached)

Moved by Voss to adopt. Second by SEMONSON
Council Member Gatto declares a conflict of interest and abstains from
FORM APPROVED: FUND'S AVAILABLE: voting.

/s/ Glenna K. Frank
Glenna K. Frank
Deputy City Attorney

s/Nickolas J. Schaul
Nickolas J. Schaul
Director of Finance

Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 106, Jackson Basin Stormwater Wetland Improvements, SM139, Being: \$1,200,000 State Revolving Loan Sponsored Project Funds (CWSRF No. CS1920944-01); \$500,000 Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Urban Water Quality Initiative Funds (Contract No. URBAN23WQUI-006); and the remaining \$82,306.10 from the Storm Water Utility Fund

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
* GATTO				
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			
MOTION CARRIED				APPROVED

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Baumgartner, 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.

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk