



**Roll Call Number**

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**Date** March 9, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE ON BIRDLAND PARK PHASE 1A IMPROVEMENTS; RECEIVE AND FILE BIDS; AND DESIGNATION OF LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AS IOWA EARTH WORKS, LLC, JOSEPH JENSEN, OWNER, \$3,656,716.25**

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2026, under Roll Call No. 26-0096, 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:

Birdland Park Phase 1A Improvements, Activity ID 112023003

IDNR Project No. 19-01387

IDOT Project No. RT-1945(885)--9H-77

IDALS Project No. URBAN25WQUI-007

REAP Project No. 26-R4-NR

IEDA Project No. 26-CAT-001

The improvements include the construction of a Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) parking lot, boat ramp and dock, fishing piers, two (2) open-air shelters, storm sewer pipe, storm sewer manholes, storm sewer intakes, bioretention cells, PCC sidewalks and trail, PCC driveways, grading, cast-in-place concrete walls, electrical work, erosion control, surface restoration and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 674-278/359, located at Birdland Park between 6th Avenue and 2nd Avenue, south of Birdland Drive, 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:

Iowa Earth Works, LLC, Huxley, IA - Low Bid

Cushman Excavation, LLC, Knoxville, IA

Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA

which were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the 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 February 10, 2026. Said bids and the attached tabulation of bids for said public 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 Iowa Earth Works, LLC, Joseph Jensen, Owner, 626 N Hwy 69 , PO Box 112, Huxley, IA, 50124 in the amount of \$3,656,716.25, 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. 26-077 )

Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Gatto

FORM APPROVED:

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank

/s/Nickolas J. Schaul

Glenna K. Frank
Deputy City Attorney

Nickolas J. Schaul
Director of Finance

Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 90, Birdland Park and Marina, PK189 , Being: \$200,000 State Recreational Trail (SRT) Grant, \$108,000 Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Water Quality Initiative (WQI) Cost-Share Grant, \$1,000,000 Land Water Conservation Funding (LWCF) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grant, \$150,000 Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant, \$300,000 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant, with the remainder being funded with LOSST Monies, and G.O. Bonds

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Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include BOESEN, SIMONSON, VOSS, BARRON, WESTERGAARD, MANDELBAUM, GATTO, and TOTAL.

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.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk