



**Roll Call Number**

26-0394

**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date** March 23, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS,  
FORM OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE ON  
CHEATOM PARK IMPROVEMENTS; RECEIVE AND FILE BIDS; AND DESIGNATION OF LOWEST  
RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AS ABSOLUTE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, INC. D/B/A  
ABSOLUTE GROUP, RICK PEARSON, PRESIDENT, \$270,204.50**

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2026, under Roll Call No. 26-0155, 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:

Cheatom Park Improvements, Activity ID 112024023  
IDNR Project No. P25AP00733

The improvements include reconstruction of the existing futsal court, reinforced Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) paving, PCC sidewalks, new playground, earthwork, subgrade preparation, modified subbase, acrylic court surfacing, fencing, erosion control, surface restoration, and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 679-228/246, located at Cheatom Park, 1100 Day 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:

- Absolute Concrete Construction, Inc. d/b/a Absolute Group, Granger, IA - Low Bid
- MPS Engineers, P.C. dba Kingston Services, P.C., Des Moines, IA
- Burkett Construction, LLC, De Soto, IA
- Caliber Concrete, LLC, Adair, IA
- Brothers Cleaning Corporation d/b/a Brothers Concrete, Des Moines, IA
- Cushman Excavation, LLC, Knoxville, IA
- Edge Commercial, LLC, Grimes, IA
- MB Lawn Care, LLC, Urbandale, IA - Bid not read (Bidder did not use revised proposal attachment included in Addendum No. 1)



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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 24, 2026. Said bids and the attached tabulation of bids for said public improvement be and are hereby received and filed.

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 Absolute Concrete Construction, Inc. d/b/a Absolute Group, Rick Pearson, President, 1800 Burr Oak Blvd, P.O. Box 430, Granger, IA, 50109 in the amount of \$270,204.50, 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 responsive, 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.

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(Council Communication No. 26-109)

Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Gatto

FORM APPROVED:

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

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

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

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Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 88, Park Playground Improvements, PK185, Being: \$245,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding from the National Park Service (NPS), and the remaining \$24,704.50 in G.O. Bonds

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
BARRON	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	7			

**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 Barron Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk