

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 92

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-196  
APRIL 21, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
DIRECT SALE OF \$14,450,000 GO BONDS, SERIES 1997B	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	KEVIN RIPER FINANCE DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS —**

By the time the April 21 Council meeting begins, competitive bids for the City's General Obligation (GO) Bonds will have been received and evaluated. (Staff will provide bid results and a recommendation at the Council meeting.) This resolution awards the bonds based on the bids received.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

The funding amounts for various capital projects are consistent with the 1997-98 CIP adopted by Council on March 3, 1997. Issuing the bonds this spring ensures that funds will be in hand once payments need to be made on CIP construction and acquisition projects in the new fiscal year—a policy change from prior years, when GO Bonds were issued well into the fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Staff and the City's bond counsel and financial advisor recommend that Council direct the sale of the GO Bonds to the bidder(s) to be recommended by staff at the April 21 Council meeting.

**BACKGROUND —**

The preliminary official statement (attached) has been distributed to dozens of municipal bond firms. Bids are due at 11 AM, Monday, April 21. Bond closing is scheduled for May 8.

The bond issue will fund a substantial portion of the City's 1997-98 CIP. Major CIP projects to be financed include:

- Firefighting equipment acquisition (\$600,000)
- Abandoned housing demolition (\$400,000)
- Citywide information and communication system (\$1,000,000)
- Bike trails (\$250,000)
- Blank Park Zoo projects (\$250,000)
- Neighborhood park improvements (\$300,000)
- Park infrastructure (\$225,000)
- Swimming pool renovation (\$250,000)
- Sidewalks and Downtown Skywalk System (\$390,000)
- Citywide paving in neighborhoods (\$1,394,000)
- Concrete median island replacement (\$300,000)

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- Concrete paving restoration (\$500,000)
- Merle Hay & Meredith intersection (\$285,000)
- S.E. Indianola—Army Post Road (\$562,000)
- Traffic signals (\$463,000)
- Neighborhood Finance Corporation (\$1,000,000; non-CIP)
- Public Housing (\$290,000; non-CIP)