

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-238  
APRIL 28, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR SEVENTH WARD DITCH EASTON DETENTION BASIN	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

**SYNOPSIS —**

A Professional Services Agreement has been negotiated with Snyder & Associates, Inc., 501 SW Oralabor Road, Ankeny, Iowa, Dennis L. Snyder, President, for right-of-way acquisition for the Seventh Ward Ditch Easton Detention Basin. Services by the consultant include: preparation of acquisition relocation plan, land surveys, and preparation of legal descriptions and acquisition plats; Phase I Site Environmental; appraisal and appraisal review of the properties to be acquired; preparation of acquisition documents; contacts and negotiation with the property owners to obtain signatures; obtain all title-clearing documents; provide right-of-way project management and weekly status reports; and establish, maintain, and deliver all parcel files to the City upon completion of the work.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Compensation to the consultant shall be at the rates stipulated in the agreement not to exceed \$38,568. Funds for this project are included in the adopted 1996-97 CIP, page 283, Southern Seventh Ward Ditch Improvements, Fund Code 366567.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Snyder & Associates, Inc.

**BACKGROUND —**

On February 24, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-638, Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with right-of-way acquisition for the Easton Boulevard Detention Basin.

Snyder & Associates, Inc., the consultant selected to conduct the Seventh Ward Ditch Stormwater Study that was recently completed and submitted to the Council earlier this year, also provides right-of-way acquisition services. Since Snyder & Associates has the technical background on this project and was present at the public meetings held earlier this year in conjunction with this project, it is felt that they are best qualified to perform right-of-way acquisition services for this project.