

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-497
OCTOBER 6, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
SANITARY SEWER REPAIR— 3113 SOUTHERN HILLS DRIVE	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD SMITH CITY ENGINEER

SYNOPSIS —

On September 30, 1997, the City received bids for the sanitary sewer repair at 3113 Southern Hills Drive. Only one bid was received which was from Van Hauen & Associates, Inc. This report explains staff's recommendation to accept the bid.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The bid received was for \$28,000; and will be funded from Account No. 371161, City-wide Sanitary Sewers, FY1998 Capital Improvements Program, page 220.

RECOMMENDATION —

Award of this construction contract to Van Hauen & Associates, Inc.

BACKGROUND —

A total of five contractors had requested bid documents as prime bidders.

The following represents staff's explanations for receiving only one bid:

- One contractor mistakenly failed to fill in the amount of bid.
- One contractor did not have time to do the estimate.
- Two contractors couldn't be reached.

The single bidder (Van Hauen & Associates, Inc.) stated that there are several major uncertainties involved including: wet subsurface conditions requiring dewatering, potentially wet weather requiring importing of dry, granular backfill, and possible unstable soil conditions from previous work immediately adjacent to the required excavation.