

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-264

AGENDA:

JUNE 9, 2003

SUBJECT:

PRESENTING AND
REJECTING ALL BIDS
FOR THE HIGHLAND
PARK STREETScape
PROJECT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

On the June 9, 2003 Council Agenda is a roll call to reject all bids for the Highland Park Streetscape Project, to modify the design to reduce costs, and re-bid early in 2004 for construction in the summer of 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Funding as shown in the Council Fact Sheet will remain in place to re-bid the project early in 2004 and for construction in the summer of 2004.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval to reject all bids, modify the design to reduce costs and to re-bid early in 2004 for construction in the summer of 2004.

BACKGROUND —

On April 2, 2001, by Roll Call 01-946, the City Council granted authorization for design services of the Highland Park Streetscape Project.

The Highland Park Streetscape Project focuses on making infrastructure improvements in the Highland Park Historic Business District at the intersection of 6th Avenue and Euclid Avenue, which is also State Highway 6. Storm sewer improvements related to this project were completed last fall. Utility relocation by MidAmerican Energy is currently being completed.

On May 20, 2003 bids on this project were opened by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). Two bids were received. The low bid read at the letting was submitted by Elder Corporation. However, IDOT later determined Elder Corporation did not demonstrate good-faith effort in trying to meet the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal, and was subsequently rejected by IDOT. The second bid was submitted by Nuckolls Concrete Services/Des Moines Asphalt Paving Company and was \$422,788 over the Engineer's estimate.

The project design will be evaluated and modified to reduce costs within the budget. It is anticipated that the project will be re-bid in early 2004 with construction in the summer of 2004.

This project is a joint project with IDOT for the construction of a Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay on Euclid Avenue. The project agreement requires mutual consultation between IDOT and the City of Des Moines to either award a contract or reject all bids. IDOT has concurred with the City of Des Moines

Engineering Department's recommendation to reject all bids.