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SUBJECT—

Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's estimate on the 10th Street and 12th Street Reconstruction, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Elder Corporation (Jared R. Elder, President—5088 East University, Des Moines, IA)

SYNOPSIS—

On June 29, 2004, bids were received by the City of Des Moines for the 10th Street and 12th Street Reconstruction. Only one bid was received which was from Elder Corp in the amount of \$382,999.99.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The City Engineer's construction estimate is \$345,000.00. Sufficient funding for this project is available in the Tenth Street/Twelfth Street-Pleasant Street to Keosauqua, Page STR-44, Fund CP038, Organization ENG9900000, STE061, Index Code 386144, Activity ID 06-2004-016.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The following is the explanation for receiving only one bid and justification for award of the construction contract.

This contract is for the reconstruction of 10th Street from Pleasant Street to Chestnut Street, and also includes the addition of a lane along the south side of Keosauqua Way and along the west side of 12th Street. The construction will allow 10th Street to become a two-way street. This is designed to reduce the number of cars that cut through the Iowa Methodist Medical facility. The right-turn lane along Keosauqua Way and the additional lane on 12th Street will reduce the congestion for cars turning south onto 12th Street and reduce delays for ambulances accessing Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

The contract documents require the contractor to reconstruct the roadway along 10th Street with a very narrow work zone. The existing right of way along this corridor is only 30-feet wide. In addition to the narrow right of way, the two adjacent structures are on the Historic Register.

There were fifteen potential bidders that obtained plans indicating they were interested in the project. The 10th Street reconstruction is very complex and staff talked with bidders who indicated that they had adequate workload for the year and did not want to bid this complex project. Staff recommends award of this project because it is not anticipated that significantly lower prices would be obtained if the project were to be rebid.