


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-296	Meeting:	June 28, 2021
	Agenda Item:	73	Roll Call:	21-296
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Witmer Park Playground and Restroom Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Graphite Construction Group, Inc., Russell Carew, President, \$558,000.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Witmer Park Playground and Restroom Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The project includes the construction of a new restroom facility along 37th Street, construction of new sidewalks, and a beam curb to delineate a new playground area. Playground equipment will be installed at a later date as a part of a neighborhood build day. This project is Phase 2 of the improvements in Witmer Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$558,000 Construction Contract (\$524,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2021-2022 CIP, Page 79, Witmer Park Improvements, PK184, Being: \$57,003 GO Bonds Issued; \$112,344 GO Bonds Issued transferred from PK137; \$183,490 Private; \$205,163 GO Bonds Issued transferred from PK143.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On May 10, 2021, under Roll Call No. 21-0671, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Witmer Park Playground and Restroom Improvements. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Witmer Park Playground and Restroom Improvements, Activity ID 11-2021-004. The improvement includes earthwork, subdrain, water service installation, sanitary sewer service installation, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalk, PCC beam curb, new 500-square-foot restroom building including foundation excavation, new concrete foundations, concrete flatwork, masonry walls, steel canopy structure, metal doors and frames, aluminum storefront windows, standing seam metal roof system, painting, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems,

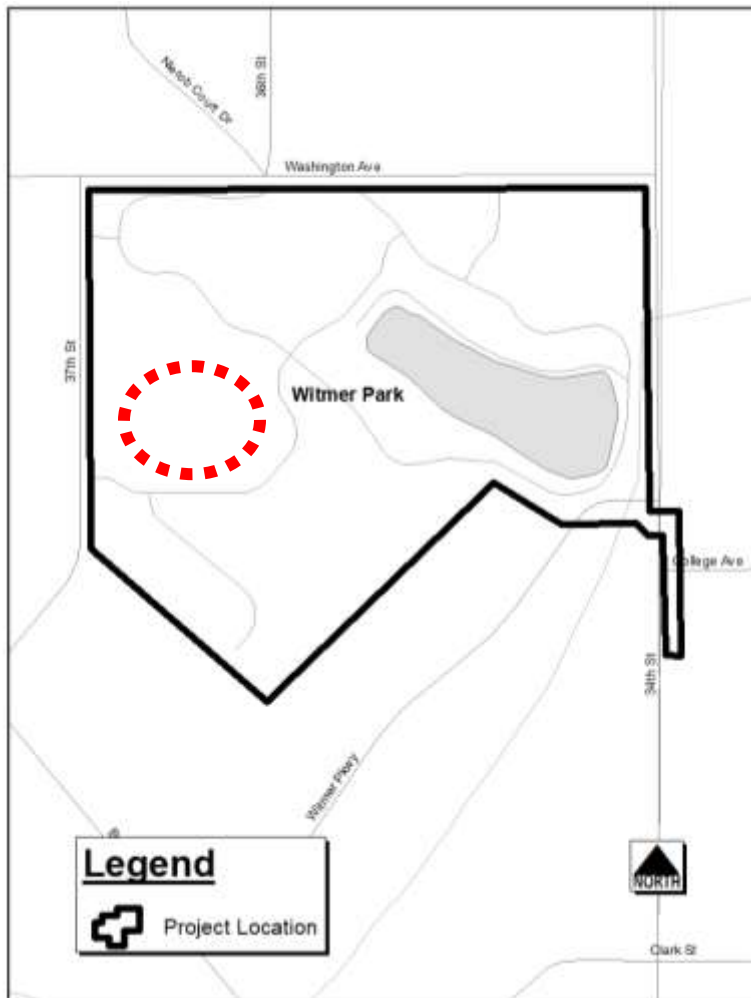
miscellaneous site amenities, seeding and restoration, and other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 623-164/201, at Witmer Park, 1610 34th Street.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Graphite Construction Group, Inc., Des Moines, IA, Low Bid
 - Lang Construction Group, Inc., West Des Moines, IA
 - GTG Construction, LLC, Johnston, IA - Bid not read – missing Page 10, Completion Provisions
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on June 15, 2021.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Graphite Construction Group, Inc. (Russell Carew, President, 1955 NE 58th Avenue, Suite 100, Des Moines, IA, 50313), in the amount of \$558,000, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- Construction of this public improvement project is anticipated to start this summer 2021 and be completed by late spring 2022.
- This project is financially supported by a \$150,000 Polk County Betterment Grant for the restroom improvement and \$33,490, which was raised by the Drake and Beavertdale Neighborhoods and a memorial donor in coordination with the Friends of Des Moines Parks to support the installation of a drinking fountain with the contracted project and the playground equipment shown below outside of this engineering contract.





Witmer Park Phase 2 - Restroom Facility Renderings



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 10, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0671](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (E) [Witmer](#) Park Playground and Restroom Improvements: Receiving of bids (6-15-21), and Setting date of hearing, (6-28-21), Engineer's estimate \$524,000. ([Council Communication No. 21-206](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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