


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	22-088	Meeting:	March 7, 2022
	Agenda Item:	59	Roll Call:	22-0369
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hold public hearing on the intent to commence a public improvement project to construct the Watrous Avenue from SW 56th Street to SW 61st Street Project and to authorize acquisition of the necessary property interests, including agricultural land, for the project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Watrous Avenue from SW 56th Street to SW 61st Street Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the property acquisition process for this project under eminent domain. Relocation assistance will not be required for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: To be determined after final design is completed.

Funding Source: 2021-22 CIP, Page 131, SW Infrastructure & Planning, ST280, G.O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This project includes the design of a new roadway to be constructed through currently undeveloped land that is situated northwest of the Des Moines Airport Authority property. It is anticipated to be a 2-lane, 27 feet wide, back-to-back roadway with sidewalk on both sides.
- On February 3, 2022, under provisions of Iowa Code 6B.2A, notices of the proposed resolution authorizing acquisition of agricultural land by eminent domain for public improvement purposes were mailed to each affected agricultural land property owner and contract purchaser of record known to be occupying the properties required for the Project.
- The affected property owners have the right to attend the City Council Meeting on March 7, 2022, and to voice any objections to the proposed property interests to be acquired.
- At this time, approximately two (2) partial fee acquisitions, six (6) permanent storm sewer easements, and six (6) temporary construction easements are needed from six (6) property owners to complete construction of this project. Relocation assistance will not be required.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 1, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1642](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Olsson, Inc. for design and construction phase services for the Watrous Avenue Improvement Project (SW 56th to SW 61st), not to exceed \$130,185. ([Council Communication No. 21-479](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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