


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number: <b>23-319</b>	Meeting: <b>June 26, 2023</b>
	Agenda Item: <b>48</b>	Roll Call: <b>23-0927</b>
	Submitted by: <b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director</b>	

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of landscape installation for Fleur Drive Medians Phase Two renovations project from Sehic G&S, LLC. at a total project cost of \$119,503.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the bid by Sehic G&S, LLC. for the Fleur Drive Medians Landscape Installation Project. The project is the second phase of the renovation of the Fleur Drive median landscape. This second phase will include Medians 4 through 6 from George Flagg Parkway to just south of Bell Avenue.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

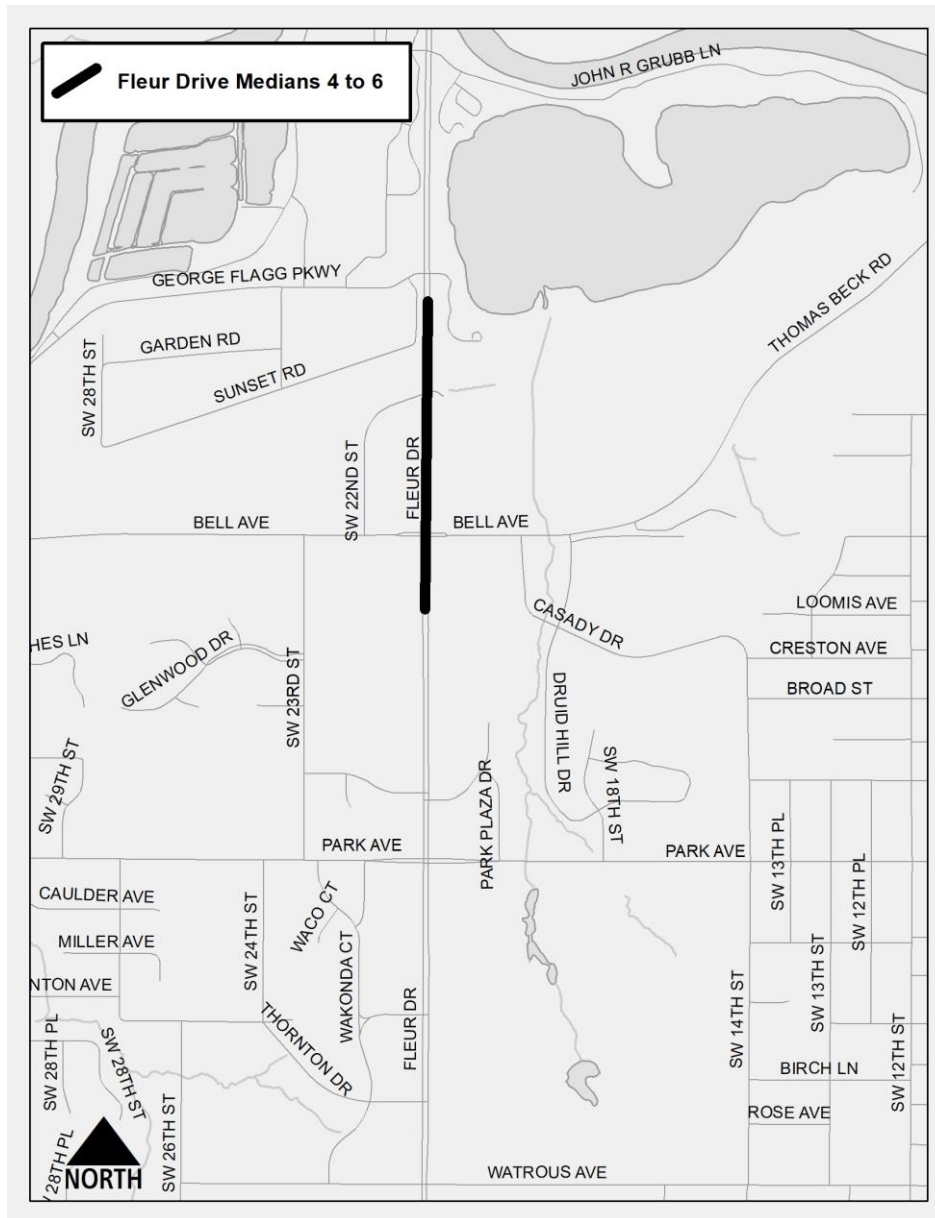
Amount: \$119,503 Construction Contract

Funding Source: 2023-2024 CIP, PK195 Fleur Drive Medians, Page 94, Being: \$66,724 private contributions; transfers in from Lillian Swartzell Betterment Trust (\$30,822), Swartzell City Projects (\$12,733), and Swartzell Public Projects (\$9,224)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Fleur Drive reconstruction provided an opportunity for a needed new approach to the Fleur Drive median plantings. A committee formed to guide the work including civic leaders John and Janis Ruan, Polk County Supervisor Matt McCoy, City Councilmember Josh Mandelbaum, staff from the City Manager's Office, Engineering and Parks and Recreation Departments, and Des Moines Water Works (DMWW) staff.
- Doug Hoerr, now Hoerr Schaudt, was hired with private funding to complete a comprehensive analysis of the Fleur Drive median plantings to update the selections to contain more resilient and sustainable plants and recommend a maintenance approach for the medians.
- Hoerr Schaudt's analysis included typography, microclimates, common flooding areas, site lines, accident data and weed and soil problems. The proposed planting plan addresses the challenges specific to each median. The naturalized design will allow for greater flexibility for successful species to fill any gaps.

- The project involves removing the existing plant material and soil from each median, installing sub-drains, an amended soil mixture, irrigation, new plant material and mulch. The City is responsible for the plant and soil removal, sub-drains and irrigation. Grants and private donations pay for the new soil, plant material, installation and mulch.
- The existing 28E agreement with DMWW outlines the responsibilities of DMWW for the care and maintenance of the Fleur Drive medians.
- Installing the landscape for medians 1 through 3 was completed fall 2021. Median 1 starts on the northern end of Fleur Drive near the northwest entry into Gray's Lake Park, and Median 17 is at the southern end of Fleur Drive near the airport.
- Bids of the Fleur Drive median plant material and installation for Medians 4 through 6 were requested by the Procurement Department on behalf of Parks and Recreation Department, bids for these medians were submitted by the following bidder:
  - Sehic G&S, LLC, Urbandale, IA - Low Bid
- The lowest responsive, responsible and only bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Sehic G&S, LLC (Bajro Sehic, Owner, 4410 142nd Street, Unit 301, Urbandale, IA 50323) in the amount of \$119,503, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- Installation for Fleur Drive Medians 4 through 6 is anticipated to be completed by fall 2023.
- A grant and private donation provided funding for the soil to be replaced on all Fleur Drive Medians 1 through 17 and for plant material and installation for Medians 1 through 6.
- Funding from grants and private donations for plant material and installation of Medians 7 through 17 is not currently secured. Four (4) separate grant applications have been submitted for Fleur Drive median plant material and installation, only one (1) of the four (4) grants was awarded. Funding for Medians 7 through 17 plant material and installation will need to be secured for completion of the Fleur Drive median project. These medians will remain without plant material and mulch until funding is secured.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 11, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0009](#)

Action: [Fleur](#) Drive Reconstruction, Southbound Lanes, from George Flagg Parkway to Watrous Avenue: Receiving of bids, (1-26-21) and Setting date of hearing, (2-22-21). Engineer's estimate, \$8,500,000. ([Council Communication No. 21-018](#)) 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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