


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER | Number: | 23-496 | Meeting: | November 6, 2023 |
| | Agenda Item: | 7E | Roll Call: | 23-1521 |
| | Submitted by: | Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer | | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Western Gateway Water Features - Receiving bids, (12-5-23), and Setting date of hearing, (12-18-23). (Construction Estimate - \$820,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project provides for the adaptive reuse of the existing runnel water feature located in Western Gateway Park and the construction of landscaping, accent lighting, accessible walkways, and water features.

FISCAL IMPACT:

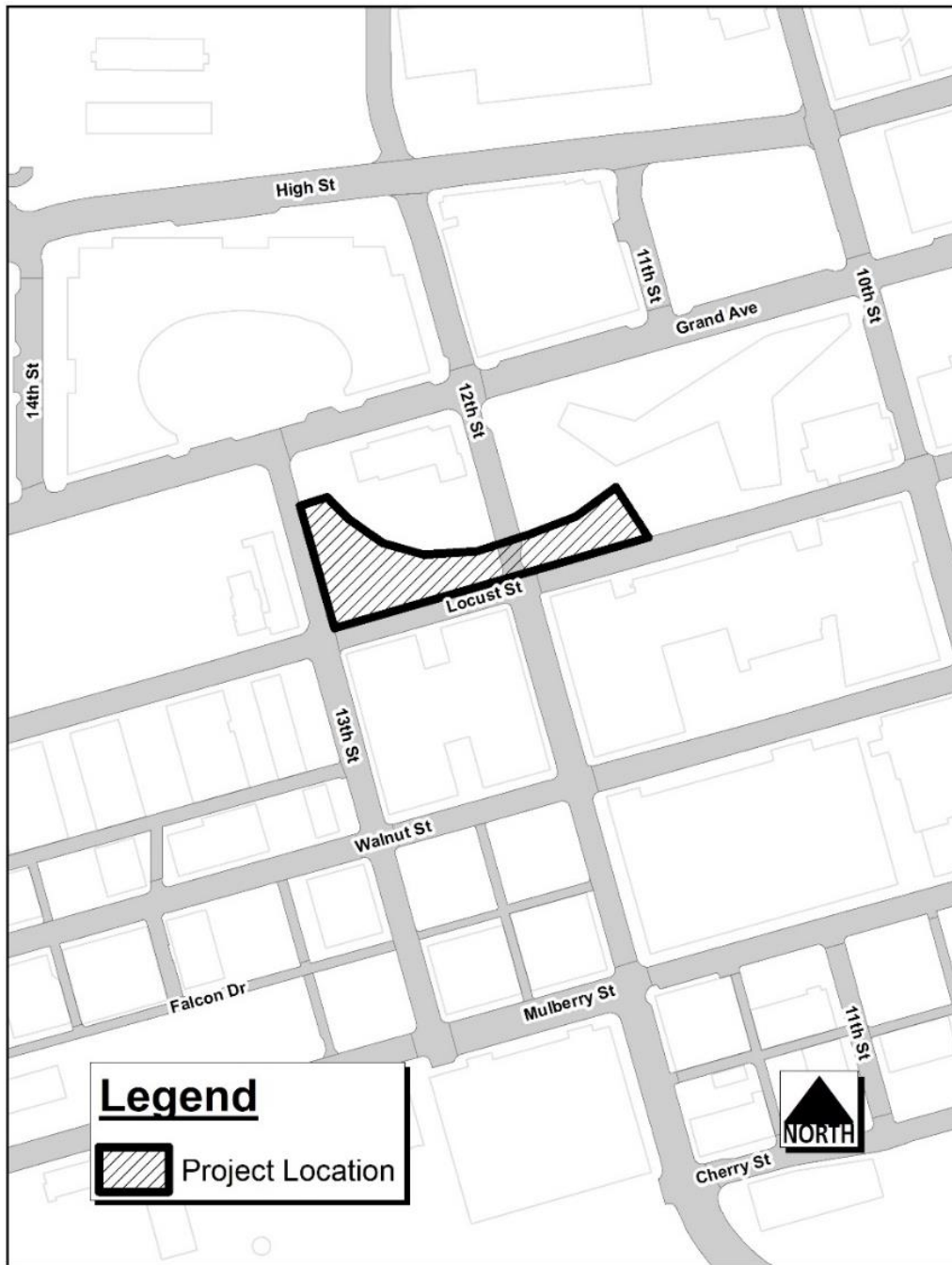
Amount: \$820,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 74, Park Improvements, PK137, Being: Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Bonds and G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Western Gateway Water Features, Activity ID 11-2022-014. The improvements include the construction of water spray features, accent lighting, limestone features, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalk, drainage piping, water service lines, electrical work, and restoration, all in accordance with contract documents, including Plan File No. 651-237/276, located at Western Gateway Park in the 1100 to 1300 blocks between Grand Avenue and Locust Street.
- The runnel water features in Western Gateway Park that were constructed in 2005 and 2006 need renovation. The electric pumps are aging, the chlorination system is not functioning, the waterproofing membrane through the runnel water feature is cracking and leaks, and concrete is heaving and deteriorating.

- The initial scope of the Western Gateway Water Feature Improvements project included:
 - Removal of the existing runnel water feature structures along the walkway between 12th Street and 13th Street and along Locust Street, east of 12th Street.
 - Construction of decorative pavement along the alignment of the existing runnel.
 - Water spray feature systems including a play fountain area.
 - Aesthetic lighting incorporated with the water features.
 - Sidewalk improvements with improved accessibility.
 - Gateway seating features with repurposed limestone edge block.
 - Limestone seating areas along the runnel renovation path.
 - Landscaping improvements.
- On January 23, 2023, under Roll Call No. 23-0089, the City Council ordered construction of the Western Gateway Water Features.
- On February 7, 2023, only two (2) bids were received, and the apparent low bid was submitted by MPS Engineers, P.C., dba Kingston Services, P.C., in the amount of \$1,371,813, which was 48% or \$446,813 over the Engineer's estimate of \$925,000. Engineering and Parks Department staff reviewed the bids and recommended decreasing the scope of the project and rebidding the project in the future.
- On February 20, 2023, by Roll Call No. 23-0267, City Council rejected all bids.
- On September 11, 2023, under Roll Call No. 23-1227, City Council approved Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Bolton & Menk, Inc. to revise the construction documents and cost estimate for Western Gateway Water Feature Improvements based upon a reduced scope of work.
- The project scope revisions included as part of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 are as follows:
 - Removal of proposed water features east of 12th Street.
 - Removal of proposed decorative stacked limestone structure.
 - Simplified design of proposed decorative concrete pavement.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in spring 2024 and be completed in spring 2025.
- Western Gateway Park is the venue for many festivals and community events throughout the year. During these festivals and events, the Contractor shall shutdown construction operations and secure the work area. A list of the scheduled festivals and events, along with festival shutdown requirements, is detailed in the project plans.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 11, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1227](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the PSA with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for construction design and interpretation services for Western Gateway Water Feature Improvements, not to exceed \$24,500. ([Council Communication No. 23-415](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: February 20, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0267](#)

Action: [Reject](#) all bids on Western Gateway Water Features and close hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and engineer's estimate. ([Council Communication No. 23-081](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work

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