

ITEM # 12
DATE July 15, 2008

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR
BROOKSIDE PARK FOOTBRIDGE**

BACKGROUND:

The FY07/08 Capital Improvement Plan includes \$220,000 to replace the suspension bridge at Brookside Park. The new structure will be a prefabricated steel structure 8' wide and approximately 120' in length.

Prior to the flooding that occurred in May and June, the bridge was in need of replacement. However, following the floods a structural engineer reported "the overall condition of the structure is very poor. Flood waters have contributed to the poor condition. It is our recommendation that the bridge remain closed until its replacement." Upon receiving this report, staff barricaded the entrance points and installed permanent signage notifying the public that the bridge is closed until a new structure is installed by the spring of 2009.

The itemized costs for this project are \$17,000 for engineering and \$203,000 for construction. It is anticipated that the bridge will be installed during the fall and winter of 2008-09 with a completion date established for March 15, 2009.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the new footbridge to be installed at Brookside Park, establishing August 14, 2008 as bid due date and August 26, 2008 to report bids and award a contract.
2. Delay this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Replacement of the Brookside Park footbridge was anticipated in the Capital Improvements Plan and funding is available to complete this project. Furthermore, the bridge is now closed to public use due to damage from this spring's flooding.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that Council approve Alternative #1, approving plans and specifications for the new footbridge to be installed at Brookside Park, and establishing August 14, 2008 as the bid due date and August 26, 2008 to report bids and award a contract.