

ITEM # 13
DATE 08-12-08

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: DONALD AND RUTH FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER TRAFFIC SIGNAL

BACKGROUND:

During the design process for the Donald and Ruth Furman Aquatic Center to be located on 13th Street, south of Ames High School, it was determined that a traffic signal was to be placed at its entry off 13th Street. This project will provide enhanced traffic flow to and from the Aquatic Center site for non-motorists and motorists alike.

The traffic signal will include the installation of new traffic signal poles, cabinet, in-street loop-detection, and required pavement markings. This project will also provide countdown pedestrian signals for the shared-used path crossing from Brookside Park to the Aquatic Center.

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$138,000. Engineering and construction administration is estimated in the amount of \$17,000, which brings the total project cost to \$155,000. The traffic signal is to be part of the overall Aquatic Center project that is shown in the 2008/09 approved budget with financing in the amount of \$5,278,000 in G.O. Bonds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the Donald and Ruth Furman Aquatic Center Traffic Signal project, establishing September 3, 2008, as the date of letting and September 9, 2008, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the plans and specifications will initiate the letting process and should allow for the project to be completed by April 30, 2009, which is prior to the anticipated opening of the Aquatic Center.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the plans and specifications for the Donald and Ruth Furman Aquatic Center Traffic Signal project, establishing September 3, 2008, as the date of letting and September 9, 2008, as the date for report of bids.