ITEM # <u>6</u>

DATE: <u>12-08-09</u>

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REPAINTING OF BLOOMINGTON ROAD ELEVATED TANK

BACKGROUND:

The Bloomington Road Elevated Tank (BRET) is a 2,000,000-gallon steel tank which was constructed in 1989. In 2009, a second elevated tank began operation in the same distribution pressure zone as BRET. With the new tank at State Avenue and Mortensen Road now in operation, the Water Plant can now temporarily take BRET out of operation for maintenance.

The most significant maintenance item to take place will be the repainting of the tank. The tank has not been painted since the original construction 20 years ago. It needs repainting to prevent corrosion and to maintain its appearance.

The current Capital Improvements Plan includes \$475,000 for BRET maintenance. Of this amount, \$400,000 is allotted for the repainting. The base bid will include a complete sandblast and painting. An alternate deduct will be offered to sandblast the tank exterior only as needed and overcoat the existing exterior paint.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Grant preliminary approval of the plans and specifications and issue a Notice to Bidders, setting January 14, 2010 as the bid due date and January 26, 2010 as the date for public hearing and award.
- 2. Do not approve plans and specifications or issue a Notice to Bidders at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Bloomington Road Elevated Tank will be taken out of service for planned maintenance in 2010. The most significant portion of this maintenance is repainting the tank. This will maintain the tank's appearance and prevent corrosion of the steel.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the plans and specifications and issuance of the Notice to Bidders for this project.