

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GRAND AVENUE  
EXTENSION (S. 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH 400 FT)**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan identifies the need to extend Grand Avenue from Lincoln Way to South 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The first two phases of this extension were previously completed south to Squaw Creek Drive. This next phase involves construction of South Grand Avenue north of South 16<sup>th</sup> Street to provide access to The Grove apartments and to Coldwater Golf Links. On May 10, 2011, the City Council approved an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to utilize federal funds for the construction of this phase.

In accordance with the City's Purchasing Policies and Procedures, staff administratively approved the original professional services contract with HR Green in the amount of \$49,641, which assumed a local bid letting as part of the scope. As this project has progressed, additional services have been needed from HR Green, including project preparation for the now federally funded construction, engineering studies to evaluate the ultimate alignment of the Grand Avenue extension, environmental documentation/analysis (NEPA) as required by Iowa DOT, and Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition/platting/negotiation. The additional services are at an additional not to exceed amount of \$24,064. Staff has reviewed this and has had several discussions with the Project Manager at HR Green to ensure that this is a reasonable amount. This change order would result in a total engineering contract not to exceed \$73,705. It should be remembered that 80% of the project costs will come from unused federally earmarked funds, with the remaining 20% from unobligated G.O. Bonds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Change Order to Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green for the Grand Avenue Extension (S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street north 400 ft.) in an amount not to exceed \$24,064.
2. Reject the change order, which will result in the project being delayed.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

City Council has made it a priority to extend Grand Avenue, and site plan approval has been given to a large new apartment complex that will be served by this extension. This approval will lead to a project letting in July and anticipated completion of construction by November 15.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Change Order to Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green for the Grand Avenue Extension (S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street north 400 ft) in an amount not to exceed \$24,064.