

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SOUTH DUFF AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

The 2005-2010 Capital Improvements Plan identified the South Duff Avenue Improvement Project. This project consists of installing curb and gutter, storm sewer, sidewalks, filling ditches, and landscaping on the east side of South Duff Avenue from South 16th Street to the Squaw Creek Bridge. The existing gravel shoulder and drainage ditch are unsightly and difficult to maintain. In addition, pedestrian traffic to businesses along the South Duff Avenue corridor has increased due to commercial development in the area. This project will result in a better image as an entrance to the community and will promote a safer and more pleasant walkway for pedestrian traffic to businesses in the area.

Council approved an engineering services contract with HWS Consulting Group of Ames, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. The contract included topographic survey, preliminary plans, public coordination, and final design/plan development. Now further into the design, it is realized that the original storm sewer plan may have adverse impacts on the existing trees along South Duff Avenue. HWS has been re-directed to utilize a combination of open channel and pipe conveyance while still installing curb and gutter and sidewalk. The change order to HWS Consulting Group's contract (\$13,500) will also enable enhanced communications to the customers, including area business owners/managers.

Funding is allocated from G.O. Bonds in the amount of \$270,380 and \$4,620 from developer contributions.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the change order to the engineering services agreement with HWS Consulting Group for the South Duff Avenue Improvement Project in the amount not to exceed \$13,500.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project design.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the change order to the engineering services agreement with HWS Consulting Group for the South Duff Avenue Improvement Project in the amount not to exceed \$13,500.