

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST ENTRYWAY PROJECT COMPLETION (PHASE 1)

BACKGROUND:

The City Council previously approved a Design Concept for Ames Southeast Entryway and directed staff to take some steps toward implementing the first phase of the project. The first phase included prairie savanna plants and intersection landscaping in the U.S. 30/South Dayton Avenue/Southeast 16th Street area. The City then received a \$98,100 grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation/Department of Natural Resources to reimburse the City up to this amount for portions of this project.

The completion date for the supply and installation of trees, shrubs, native grasses, and wildflowers (including maintenance and warranty for the plantings) was originally set for spring 2005. However, challenges in coordinating the in-kind contributions delayed the project. On June 26, 2007, City Council approved Change Order 5 in the amount of \$23,229, which was necessary to alleviate erosion control issues.

Construction has now been completed in the amount of \$78,315.03. This work is part of a larger project that will eventually include light columns and other improvements under Phase 2.

To date, the project has incurred the following change orders:

Original contract amount **\$47,207.74**

Change Orders:

Change	Date	Description	Cost
1	8/11/2005	Add native grass seed mix to cover South Diamond Area "A"	\$ 1,852.05
2	4/10/2007	Change contractor name from ATCO Enterprises, Inc. to ATRON, Inc., and change completion date from 11/30/2004 to 6/30/2007	-0-
3	5/17/2007	Add storage, watering, and maintaining plant material.	\$ 823.60
4	6/7/2007	Add mulching of disturbed areas to reduce erosion @ \$700.00, and Add for replacement of seed that was originally purchased in August 2004 @ \$1,557.54	\$ 2,257.54
5	6/26/2007	Grading, erosion control, and installation of concrete shoulder tapers along Dayton Ave. from the north Highway 30 ramp to Southeast 16th Street.	\$23,229.00

Subtotal **\$75,369.93**

In order to complete this phase of the project, the following additional change order is now being requested:

Change	Date	Description	Cost
6	1/15/2008	Add Increased quantities for concrete letdown flumes as required by the IDOT. Add Backfill behind curb as required by the IDOT Remove quantity reduction 10/20 spraying	2,945.85

Grand total **\$78,315.15**

In working with the IDOT, the work items under change order #6 were determined to be necessary in order to meet the specifications for flume size as required by the IDOT.

The work under this contract has now been completed and the certification of completion by the Director of Planning & Housing is attached. However, as outlined below the total of the project exceeds the amount available through the IDOT Grant and the City Share in the amount \$2,581.00

IDOT Grant Funds	\$ 98,000.00
City Matching Funds	<u>25,800.00</u>
Total Project Revenue	\$123,000.00
Total Project Cost (including change orders 1-6)	\$ 78,315.03
Eligible IDOT reimbursable grant amount	- 49,917.00
Remaining City matching funds	<u>- 25,817.00</u>
Project shortfall amount	- \$2,581.00

Staff is recommending that the \$2,581.00 shortfall come from the donations from the area businesses made to the SE Entryway project with a balance of approximately \$42,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the Southeast Entryway Project (Phase 1) as completed by Atron, Inc. of Ames, IA, in the amount of \$78,315.03.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the Entryway Project (Phase 1) as completed by Atron, Inc. of Ames, IA, in the amount of \$78,315.03 and spending the shortfall balance out of the donations from the area business line item.



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January 22, 2008

Honorable Mayor and Council Members
City of Ames
Ames, Iowa 50010

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I hereby certify that the **Southeast Entryway Project (Phase 1)** has been completed in an acceptable manner by **Atron, Inc.** in the amount of **\$78,315.03**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'Steve Osguthorpe', is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Osguthorpe, AICP
Director of Planning & Housing

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cc: Finance, Contractor, Corey Mellies, Project File

CAF APPROVAL

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To be sent to: