

ITEM # 7  
DATE: 02-10-09

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: SOUTH DUFF AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The 2005-2010 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

HWS Consulting Group, Inc. has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$460,124. This includes installation of conduit and handholes for the Electric Department in the amount of \$29,200 from the Electric Utility Fund as designated in the 2009/10 CIP. Including design fees and anticipated construction administration expenses, total costs are estimated to be \$552,150. This project is shown allocated from G.O. Bonds in the amount of \$498,863 and \$4,620 from developer contributions (cash in escrow for the sidewalk at 1200/1220 South Duff Avenue). Savings from the 2007/08 Concrete Pavement Improvements Program in the amount of \$50,000 will be applied to this project, bringing total available funding to \$582,683.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the South Duff Avenue Improvement Project by establishing March 4, 2009, as the date of letting and March 10, 2009, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

### **MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project will complete a pedestrian connection along one of the City's arterial streets and improve pedestrian access to commercial properties. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the South Duff Avenue Improvement Project by establishing March 4, 2009, as the date of letting and March 10, 2009, as the date for report of bids.