

ITEM # 6
DATE: 03-10-09

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 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.

On Wednesday, March 4, 2009, bids were received as follows:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Engineer's Estimate | \$466,474.00 |
| Con-Struct, Inc. | \$432,052.00 |
| Manatt's, Inc. | \$511,483.20 |
| Jasper Construction Services, Inc. | \$547,292.55 |

Engineering and construction administration expenses are estimated in the amount of \$92,000. This brings total estimated costs to \$524,052. This amount includes installation of conduit and handholes for the Electric Department in the amount of \$17,960 from the Electric Utility fund, as designated in the 2009/10 CIP. This project is shown allocated from General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$498,863 with \$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 \$571,443.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the South Duff Avenue Improvement Project.
 - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the South Duff Avenue Improvement Project.
 - c. Award the South Duff Avenue Improvement Project to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, IA, in the amount of \$432,052.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project will complete a pedestrian connection along one of the City's arterial streets, improve pedestrian access to commercial properties, and increase the attractiveness of a major entryway. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the South Duff Avenue Improvement Project to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, IA, in the amount of \$432,052.