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MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council
From: John Joiner, Director of Public Works
Date: February 11, 2020
Subject: Update On Inclusion Crosswalk At 5th & Douglas

BACKGROUND:

At the August 13, 2019 City Council meeting, Council directed staff to proceed with installing decorative crosswalk bars with non-specialty paint at the intersection of 5th Street & Douglas. Quotes were received prior to that meeting for installation of permanent thermoplastic crosswalk bars. Only one quote in the amount of \$68,760 was received at that time from Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. of Slater, Iowa. Staff believed the high price was due to the short installation window that was provided prior to 2019 Pridefest.

UPDATED PROJECT COSTS:

Staff sent out a new Request for Quotes (RFQ) on November 21, 2019 for installation of permanent thermoplastic crosswalk bars. The RFQ asked that the work be completed by July 31, 2020. Only one quote in the amount of \$84,469 was received from Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. of Slater, Iowa. Feedback received from potential contractors indicated that the project is too small to warrant their interest because of more lucrative larger street and highway projects.

STAFF COMMENTS:

If City Council wants to move ahead with the permanent thermoplastic installation, it should be noted that the quote received exceeds the City's bid threshold so the quote would need to be rejected and bid documents would need to be prepared for a future formal sealed bid.

Alternatively, City Council could maintain the crossing using significantly cheaper vinyl house paint as was done last year by City Staff. The staff is surprised how well the paint has lasted thus far. Another way to hold down the cost for this reoccurring activity, would be to solicit on volunteer labor to refresh the colors on the crosswalk when needed.