



TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

SUBJECT: Bee Branch Creek – Basin Overlook & 22nd Street Parking Lot Project
Iowa DOT Project No. TAP-U-2100(683)—81-31
(CIP #7201654 & 3401654)

DATE: November 29, 2015

Sealed bids were received by the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Bee Branch Creek – Basin Overlook & 22nd Street Parking Lot Project. City Engineer Gus Psihoyos recommends award of the construction contract to the low bidder, Portzen Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,420,509.10, which is 15.6% above the engineer's estimate, subject to Iowa Department of Transportation approval.

The overlook improvements will be adjacent to the Lower Bee Branch Creek near the 16th Street Detention Basin. Features of the overlook and plaza area will include a pavilion, concrete sidewalk, lighting, drinking fountains, bike racks, trash receptacles, benches, trees, shrubs, and interpretive signs.

The improvements associated with the 22nd Street parking lot involves the construction of a 12-space trailhead parking lot at Prince Street to provide trail access for the Bee Branch Creek Mississippi River Trail Route and the 26-mile Heritage Trail. The design features a pervious pavement system to infiltrate storm water and minimize the need for storm sewers. The proposed storm sewer drainage system also includes a nutrient separating baffle box to further mitigate the discharge of pollutants into the adjacent Bee Branch Creek. The project also includes sidewalk, lighting, benches, flag poles, litter receptacles, a water fountain, trees, shrubs, and other landscaping elements.

The funding specifically set aside in the budget for these improvements is \$1,764,748. Therefore, even though the low bid exceeded the engineer's estimate, the established funding is sufficient to award the contract to the low bidder. Project funding includes \$960,000 from a DMATS Transportation Alternative Program appropriation and \$228,500 from a Vision Iowa RECAT grant.

I concur with the recommendation and respectfully request Mayor and City Council approval.


Michael C. Van Milligen

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Attachment

cc: Barry Lindahl, City Attorney
Cindy Steinhauser, Assistant City Manager
Teri Goodman, Assistant City Manager
Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer