



**TO:** Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

**FROM:** Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer

**DATE:** November 23, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Bee Branch Creek – Basin Overlook & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Parking Lot Project  
Iowa DOT Project No. TAP-U-2100(683)--8I-31  
(CIP#7201654 & 3401654)

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek authorization to award the construction contract for the Bee Branch Creek – Basin Overlook & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Parking Lot Project, Iowa DOT Project No. TAP-U-2100(683)--8I-31.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In April of 2011, the City Council passed Resolution 114-11, authorizing the execution of the River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism (RECAT) Program Grant which includes funding for an overlook at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Detention Basin (Basin Overlook) and the trail head parking at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (22<sup>nd</sup> Street Parking Lot).

In December of 2014, the City Council passed Resolution 383-14 authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit a Request for Transportation Improvement Program Funds to the IDOT for the use of Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS) funding for the Basin Overlook improvements.

In February of 2015, the City Council passed Resolution 33-15 authorizing the City Manager to submit a Request for Transportation Improvement Program Funds to the IDOT for the use of DMATS funding for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street parking improvements.

In May of 2015, DMATS amended their FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program budget to include \$960,000 in Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding for the improvements associated with the Basin Overlook and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Parking Lot.

In July of 2015, the City Council passed Resolution 223-15 approving the Federal -Aid Agreement with the IDOT in order for the City to receive the Transportation Alternatives Program funding for the project.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project (Phase 7 of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project) will be constructed through multiple contracts. The Bee Branch Creek – Basin Overlook & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Parking Lot Project is the fourth contract.

The overlook improvements will be adjacent to the Lower Bee Branch Creek near the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, the 26-mile Heritage Trail, and the Mississippi River Trail Route. The design features a pervious pavement system to infiltrate storm water and minimize the need for storm sewer. 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.

Due to the use of DMATS TAP funding, the project was let through the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) who administers the funds on behalf of both the federal and state governments.

## **BID RESULTS**

The bid letting was held by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) on November 17, 2015. Portzen Construction, Inc. of Dubuque, Iowa submitted the low bid in the amount of \$1,420,509.10. This amount is 15.6% above the engineer's estimate of probable cost. A summary of the bids received is as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Portzen Construction, Inc.	\$1,420,509.10
Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd.	\$1,848,452.35
Horsfield Construction, Inc.	\$1,862,883.50

## **RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that the contract for the Bee Branch Creek – Basin Overlook & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Parking Lot Project (Iowa DOT Project No. TAP-U-2100(683)--8I-31) be awarded to Portzen Construction, Inc. of Dubuque, Iowa in the amount of \$1,420,509.10, subject to Iowa DOT approval of award.

## **BUDGET IMPACT**

The estimate of probable costs for the Bee Branch Creek – Basin Overlook & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Parking Lot Project is as follows:

Fund Source Description	Estimate	Award
Construction	\$1,228,776	\$1,420,509
Contingency	122,878	122,878
Engineering	<u>202,748</u>	<u>202,748</u>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b><u>\$1,554,402</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,746,135</u></b>

The project will be funded by the Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation in the amount of \$43,359,000 for the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project – Phase 4 and Phase 7 of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project [CIP#7201654].

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 TAP appropriation and \$228,500 from a Vision Iowa RECAT grant.

#### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

I respectfully request adoption of the attached resolution awarding the construction contract for the Bee Branch Creek – Basin Overlook & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Parking Lot Project to Portzen Construction in the amount of \$1,420,509.10, subject to the Iowa DOT approval of award.

Attach.

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