

City Council

Agenda Cover Memorandum

Meeting Date: August 18, 2008

Item Title: Approval of a Contract for the Summit Avenue Streetscape Project

Action Requested:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ For discussion
- ☐ Feedback requested
- ☐ For your information

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Background:

The City Commons redesign along Prospect, Touhy and at the corner of Touhy and Summit Avenue resulted in the identification of the need to move the entrance to the Central Parking Lot further to the East and the realignment of the intersection of Prospect and Summit. These modifications will improve sight lines and safety.

In the FYE 2009 Budget funding was included for the redesign of the streetscape along Summit Avenue from Touhy and Prospect. The goal of this project is to continue the design of the City Commons streetscape improvements. Improvements along Summit Avenue will include the same street furniture, pavers and lighting, as well as similar landscaping installed at the Commons

In Spring 2008 the above intersection improvements were coupled with streetscape redesign and bid out. The project was divided into two phases to make it easier to manage costs, particularly because the realignment of the intersection at Summit and Prospect Avenues, and the relocation of the access to the Central Parking Lot away from the curve on Summit Avenue were not included in this year's budget.

This year's budget does include \$495,000 of TIF for streetscape improvements. Phase 1 will include work on the north side of Summit Avenue, which will begin by this fall. Phase 2 includes construction on the south side of the street and will begin after May 1, 2009, for the next budget year. Staff has worked with Lakota Group to scale back components of the plans to reduce costs prior to bidding.

The City received five bids, ranging from \$1,553,341.00 to \$1,749,865.17 for the entire project, which included breakdowns for the two phases. The lowest bidder cited a Phase 1 project cost of \$747,870.50

and \$805,470.50 for Phase 2 of the project. It is recommended that the City award the bid to the low bidder Kovilic Construction Co., Inc. of Franklin Park in the amount of \$1,553,341. Phase 1 would be paid for using TIF funds. Phase 2 would be included in the 2009-2010 capital budget.

While the cost is higher than this year's budget outlines, it is recommended to begin the improvements at this time for several reason:

- Improvements are recommended in the Uptown Plan
- Higher project cost is a direct result of adding the realignment of the intersection and parking lot access to the scope
- Modifications will improve pedestrian safety, traffic flow and the appearance of Summit Avenue
- Construction costs are expected to continue rising, making it more expensive to do the work each year the project is delayed.

Recommendation:

Move the City Council approve the contract for the Summit Avenue Streetscape project to Kovilic Construction Co., Inc. of 3721 North Carnation Street, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131, in the amount of \$1,553,341.

Budget Implications:

Does Action Require an Expenditure of Funds: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, Total Cost: \$747,870.50

If Yes, is this a Budgeted Item: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Attachments:

- Plan Sheet