


AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commission
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: August 11, 2010
RE: Beech & W. Fourth Street Streetscape Project Bids



For the Agenda of August 16, 2010

Background. As the Commission is aware, we applied for and received approval for a community development block grant of \$127K (\$50K local DDA match; \$87K grant funds) to construct a streetscape project on West Fourth Street and Beech Street. Gourdie-Fraser (GFA), our engineer of record, solicited project bids for the City; three bids were received – the lowest being for \$204.6K (\$77K over budget).

I'm meeting with GFA tomorrow (Aug 12th) to review the bids and the project to formulate a recommendation(s) regarding where we go from here, e.g., reduce the scope of the project; ask for more grant money; "kill" the project, etc. Based on the results of that meeting, we will also try to convene a special DDA meeting prior to Monday night's City Commission to obtain consensus of any recommendations formulated as a result of tomorrow's meeting with GFA.

I've scheduled this item on the City Commission's August 16th agenda due to the need to obtain a city commission decision if we are going to construct this project this fall. If we are able to develop a course of action that meets with the approval of the DDA and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (the grant agency) prior to Monday's meeting, I will present that recommendation to the City Commission for action. If we are unable to formulate an amenable course of action, I will ask the Commission to withdraw the item from its agenda.

Issues & Questions Specified. As stated above?

Alternatives. Presently unknown.

Financial Impact. Presently unknown.

Recommendations. I will provide the City Staff's and DDA's recommendation to the City Commission Monday.

Attachments. None; attachments supporting the forthcoming recommendations will be provided to the City Commission on Monday.