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July 30, 2010

Mr. Joseph Jones
I-Jobs Program Administrator
Iowa Finance Authority

Re: Support Letter for Davenport's I-Jobs Southeast Downtown Flood Protection System

Dear Mr. Jones:

On behalf of the Scott County Board of Supervisors, I want to convey the Board's support of the City of Davenport's I-Jobs Southeast Downtown Flood Protection System.

The Southeast Downtown Flood Protection System would eliminate the need to construct an earthen or sandbag levee on River Drive from the west side of Perry Street east to the Government Bridge west of Iowa Street. It will include removable flood control walls, subsurface cut-off walls, and replacement of three storm sewer gate valves. Improvements would reduce the potential for flood damage and facilitate continued operation of downtown businesses during Mississippi River flood events while also reducing the time and resources necessary to construct flood protection, remove it and clean up the area. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $3.2 million, with eligibility for about $1.8M in funding through the I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program. The CIP has $900,000 available for this project. The remaining $500,000 would have to be funded in FY12 through the CIP process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Gallin

Chris Gallin, Chair
Board of Supervisors

City of Davenport

Committee: Public Works
Department: Public Works
Contact Info: Eric Schallert; (563) 326-5162
Ward: 3, 8

Action/Date
PW - 08/04/10

Subject:
RESOLUTION directing staff to submit applications for the I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Grant Program in the amount of $2.48 million for the Littig House Regional Detention Basin Project and the Southeast Downtown Flood Protection System

Recommendation:
Staff recommends application submittal for two projects, the Littig House Regional Detention Basin Project ($680,000) and the Southeast Downtown Flood Protection System ($1.8 million), through the I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Grant program.

Relationship to Goals:
Upgraded Infrastructure & Public Facilities

Background:

I-JOBS is an $830 million package of funding established by the State of Iowa to be distributed through several agencies and processes. Of that amount, $118.5 million has been designated towards the Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program. Local Infrastructure includes projects relating to:

- -Disaster rebuilding
- -Reconstruction and replacement of local public buildings
- -Flood control
- -Future flood prevention

Staff has identified two projects that fit criteria for the Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program.

The plan for the Littig House Regional Detention Basin Project recommends 31-acre-feet storage volume to reduce the 100-year flow in Goose Creek. The planned project involves constructing a basin that will detain storm water during rain events, and drain dry following the events. The area will be used as a natural park except during a large storm event. The total projected cost for construction of this basin is about $1.2M, including park amenities. About $680,000 of this appears to be eligible for funding through the I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program.

The Southeast Downtown Flood Protection System would eliminate the need to construct an earthen or sandbag levee on River Drive from the west side of Perry Street east to the Government Bridge west of Iowa Street. It will include removable flood control walls, subsurface cut-off walls, and replacement of three storm sewer gate valves. Improvements would reduce the potential for flood damage and facilitate continued operation of downtown businesses during Mississippi River flood events while also reducing the time and resources necessary to construct flood protection, remove it and clean up the area. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $3.2 million, with eligibility for about $1.8M in funding through the I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program. The CIP has $900,000 available for this project. The remaining $500,000 would have to be funded in FY12 through the CIP process.

Resolution No._____

Resolution offered by Alderman Ambrose:

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Davenport.

RESOLUTION directing staff to submit applications for the I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Grant program in the amount of $2.48 million for the Littig House Regional Detention Basin Project and the Southeast Downtown Flood Protection System

WHEREAS, I-JOBS is an $830 million package of funding established by the State of Iowa to be distributed through several agencies and processes and of that amount, $118.5 million has been designated towards the Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program

WHEREAS, Staff recommends application submittal for two projects, the Littig House Regional Detention Basin Project ($680,000) and the Southeast Downtown Flood Protection System ($1.8M), through the I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Davenport that the Public Works staff is hereby authorized to submit applications for the I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Grant program.

Approved:

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William E. Gluba, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie E. Holecek, City Clerk