



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: January 31st, 2006
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Price increase and extension of Official Publication #6308, for the relocation of the George Morrison Mosaic to the New Central Library site.

Recommendation:

- a. Increase the contract amount by \$57,000 for Official Publication No. 6308 and the revenue source (0100-607-6130) the Nicollet Mall Operations and Improvement Budget as recommended by the Nicollet Mall Advisory Board for 2006.
- b. Authorize the proper City Officials to increase total contract amount to \$117,000 and extent the Official Publication #6308 to July 30th, 2006 for the reinstallation of the mosaic at the new Central Library site on the Nicollet Mall, in order to complete this work.

Previous Directives:

- August 24, 2004, Approval of Official Publication No. 6308 – Bids for Mosaic Removal and Installation of Granite Pavers
- July 2, 2004, Approval of Request to move granite mosaic, A Native American Tableau, to Nicollet Mall in front of New Central Library, petn. 269739

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Presenters: Michael D. Kennedy, P.E., Director, Winter Operations

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Policy review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):

- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

On July 2, 2004 the City Council approved a request to move *Tableau, A Native American Mosaic*, by George Morrison from an area in front of the IDS Center to an area in front of the New Central Library. George Morrison, who died in 2000, is one of the most highly-regarded contemporary Native American artists. *Tableau*, a complex mosaic consisting of over 200 interlocking pieces of granite, is considered to be one of the most valuable artworks owned by the City. The relocation was desired as a collaborative proposal of the Nicollet Mall Advisory Board, New Central Library Construction Management Team, Art in Public Spaces and Public Works, because water was seeping through the artwork into the building below at its original location. At the Library site, water seepage would not be an issue.

In the fall of 2004, the removal was conducted by Twin City Tile and an art conservator. The salvaged materials have been stored in the IDS Center while construction around the New Central Library progressed and the site was prepared for the reinstallation of the mosaic. At the time the original contracts were administered, final pavement design of the Library sidewalk and other factors were not known, and the actual installation date was uncertain due to scheduling issues with the Library project. Therefore it was not possible to include reinstallation specifications in the original contract and vendors could not bid on unknown factors. However, complete estimated project funding was still set aside based upon reasonable assumptions at the time.

Twin City Tile and Marble Company was awarded the original contract to remove and salvage the art work. During the process they were trained in the care and handling of the artwork. They were able to dismantle the mosaic with considerably less breakage than originally estimated. The value of this price increase for the reinstallation of the mosaic is in line with the other contracts tenured by the City for this type of paver work. Therefore, because of the artwork's value and significance, and Twin City Tile's unique experience, the Department of Public Works, The Nicollet Mall Advisory Board, the Public Arts Administrator and the City's Procurement Division all recommend amending O.P. #6308 with Twin City Tile and Marble Company to include the reinstallation of the artwork.

Cc: David Ybarra, Procurement
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