


OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-053
FEBRUARY 5, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
PHASE II CONSTRUCTION BIDS—POLICE/FIRE COMBINED DISPATCH	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM MOULDER POLICE CHIEF	 ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

On Tuesday, January 30, 1996, the City received bids for Phase II construction of the new combined Police/Fire Dispatch. The low bid received was in the amount of \$327,400, which is above the project estimate. Because of the overage, I am recommending that Council receive and file the bid. Staff will take the next two weeks to work with the architect and low bidder to ascertain why the differential exists between the estimate and bids, and if modifications can be made to bring the project closer to the original budget.

A delay of two weeks to review the bids will have no impact on the actual physical consolidation. The Fire Department equipment is now scheduled for move to the Police Department in mid-February, to be fully operational later in the month. This date is approximately two weeks later than anticipated due to weather-related difficulties in moving the T-1 telephone circuits and obtaining power supply equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Funds for Phase II construction in the amount of approximately \$220,000 remain in CIP Account Code 345942, page 133. Prior to consideration of the contract, staff will report to Council on where additional funds are to be obtained to complete the project.

RECOMMENDATION —

Receive, file, and refer to the City Manager for review of bids.