

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-468
NOVEMBER 4, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
TOWING CONTRACT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	ERIC ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

Des Moines Automotive Parts Co. has requested assignment of its towing and storage contract for the eastern part of the City to Owen Crist Auto Body Service, Inc. At the September 23, 1996 Council meeting, by Roll Call No. 96-3344, this item was deferred to allow additional analysis and recommendation from the City Manager.

Due to the request for contract assignment by Des Moines Automotive, this issue was returned to Council on September 23, 1996. By Roll Call No. 96-3344, Council deferred action to allow for further analysis by staff, followed by a recommendation from the City Manager. Staff has the following recommendation: The current contract be maintained, as is, unless both service providers wish to terminate the contract. The question of a single or dual towing and storage provider should be well researched and a decision made prior to initiating competition for a new contractor.

Staff believes that if any change in contract or service provider is to occur, it should be through the bidding process, and not through the assignment of the contract.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Current contract be maintained.

BACKGROUND —

On November 21, 1994, by Roll Call No. 94-4423, the City Council denied a 12-month renewal of a towing contract with Owen Crist. On January 3, 1995, by Roll Call No. 95-94, staff was directed to re-open the contract with the City divided into two towing and storage districts. On April 17, 1995, by Roll Call No. 95-1521, Council voted to award District 1 towing and storage to Owen Crist and District 2 towing and storage to Des Moines Automotive. That contract expires in May, 1997.