



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**98-189**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**AGENDA:**  
MAY 4, 1998

**SYNOPSIS —**

**SUBJECT:**  
1997-98 CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS  
PROGRAM -  
LABORATORY  
FACILITIES  
EXPANSION

Council authorization is requested for the City Manager to sign Change Order No. 9 to the contract with The Weitz Company, Inc. (James P. Simmons, President, Weitz Iowa, 800 - 2nd Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309) on the Laboratory and Personnel Facilities Expansion, Work Order No. 0210-97-002.

**TYPE:**  
**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

Funding for this project is included in the adopted 1997-98 Capital Improvements Program.

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
HAROLD SMITH  
CITY ENGINEER

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**Authorize the City Manager to sign Change Order No. 9 to the Agreement for Engineering Services on the Laboratory and Personnel Facilities Expansion, Work Order No. 210-97-002.**

**BACKGROUND –**

On July 21, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-2483, the City Council authorized and directed the Mayor to execute a contract with The Weitz Company, Inc. for construction of the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority Laboratory and Personnel Facilities Expansion at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Unsuitable soils were discovered during excavation for the Building 92 north addition. A soils engineering consultant was requested to evaluate the capabilities of the soils to support the new addition. The soils consultant made recommendations that included overexcavating the footings by two feet and using granular material to support the footings. It was also recommended that the entire area under the north addition be overexcavated six

inches and granular material be placed under the structural backfill. The overexcavation was not included in the contract documents and is additional work.

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