

shall be skilled in the knowledge of real estate values within the City and possess the qualifications that will justify the reception of their testimony in Polk County District Court as experts upon real estate valuations, if necessary. Section 18-4 states that members of the Valuation Committee shall serve as to one or more improvements, or for any length of time not exceeding one year. Any member may be reappointed. Section 18-5 states that the members of the Valuation Committee shall receive compensation at an hourly rate for time actually employed in performing committee duties equivalent to Range 30A, Step 5, of the City of Des Moines salary schedule, which--effective June 29, 1998--is \$28.96 per hour.

On March 25, 1996, under Roll Call No. 96-1101, and on July 7, 1997, under Roll Call No. 97-2315, the City Council approved Professional Services Agreements for Special Assessment Appraisal Services for 1996 between the City of Des Moines and Rebecca K. Orr, Joseph J. Bell, Jeff Rowat, and L. E. Calvert.

Staff recommends approval of new agreements for the period from July 14, 1998, to July 13, 1999, with Rebecca K. Orr, Joseph J. Bell, Jeff Rowat, and L. E. Calvert.