



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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ITEM _____

98-432

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

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

SYNOPSIS —

SUBJECT:

SHERMAN HILL LIGHTING

Approval for the use of park designated funds to complete the Sherman Hill Street Lighting program and directing the City Manager to negotiate an amendment to the agreement with the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association for the installation, maintenance, and operation of the complete Sherman Hill Neighborhood Street Lighting project.

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

FISCAL IMPACT –

SUBMITTED BY:

DON TRIPP
PARK AND RECREATION
DIRECTOR

Dedicated Park funds in the amount of \$165,000.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval.

BACKGROUND –

Upon the sale of Chamberlain Park in 1995, the City made a commitment to the residents of the Woodland Park and Sherman Hill Neighborhood Associations, to reinvest the proceeds into two parks for the affected neighborhoods at \$250,000 each. Currently, Woodland Park is under construction.

On September 1, 1998, the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association and the Park and Recreation Department held a public meeting to discuss using a portion of the funds to complete the Sherman Hill Street Lighting program. Use of approximately \$165,000 to complete the street lighting project was discussed. The following

factors have persuaded staff, the Park and Recreation Board, and Plan and Zoning Commission to use the funds to install additional lighting:

1) Neighborhood planning will determine the need for a park in 1999. New park construction isn't anticipated until 2004.

2) Immediate positive impact to neighborhood in converting street lights.

3) Offer from the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association to attempt reorganizing the Self Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) to allocate future funds for purchasing/development of park land if needed.

There are two previous phases of historic lighting improvements which are near completion. This final phase will complete the street lighting project. A letter of commitment from the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association is attached.

Further, City Council is requested to negotiate an amendment to the agreement with the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association for the installation, maintenance, and operation of the complete Sherman Hill Neighborhood Street Lighting project.

Attachment