

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-103

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Approval of waiver of normal bidding advertisement and emergency award of pump repair or replacement to the low bidder as submitted by the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department.

MARCH 15, 1999

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

EMERGENCY
APPROVAL OF
PUMP REPAIR AT
CLARK STREET
STORMWATER
PUMP STATION

Funds to support this purchase are budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Stormwater Utility Project Index Code 367060, Fund EN304, Organization EN990000, Project STE070.

Actual cost estimates will be provided to Council on Monday, March 15, 1999.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval of the waiver of formal bid advertisement and award of purchase order.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
ACTING CITY
ENGINEER

The cleaning of the Central Place Stormwater Pump Stations and the subsequent inspection of all the pumps found a severely worn pump at the Clark Station on February 24, 1999. This is the smaller of the two pumps and is manufactured by the Cascade Pump Company. This pump is operable and has been placed in the lag (i.e., secondary) position to reduce its use and wear. Its failure is preminent, although whether this will take months or years to occur is impossible to predict. The repair or replacement of this pump is critical to the ability to protect Central Place from flooding in the May through July high flow period. The other pumps were found to be in

satisfactory condition.

The critical nature of these facilities to protect the Central Place area warrants this being declared an emergency and waiving the normal bidding process which would add three weeks minimum. Competitive pricing is possible because there are two vendors that can rebuild this pump and three that can replace it. The City has three predominant manufacturers of pumps in the stormwater system. They are Cascade, Fairbanks Morse, and Flygt. All three manufacturers were given the opportunity to quote on the repair or replacement of this pump. This will avoid having a fourth manufacturer requiring additional training, spare parts inventory, and complexity to the system.