



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-402

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

Approval of a Professional Service Agreement with Larkin Aquatics (Larkin Group, 9233 Ward Parkway, Suite 300, Kansas City, Missouri, Clark Thompson, President) to assist the Citizens Wading Pool Advisory Committee on design concepts for City wading pools. David W. Schwartz will be the contact person for this project.

SUBJECT:

WADING POOL
CONSULTANT
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE
AGREEMENT

FISCAL IMPACT -

\$10,500 from the approved Parks CIP Account # 403444.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

On May 3, 1999, by Resolution No. 99-1410, the City approved issuing a Request For Proposal (RFP) to hire a consultant to study and analyze the existing opportunities and constraints of the City's wading pools.

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

The Citizen Wading Pool Advisory Committee consists of the Park and Recreation Board, department staff, and nine citizen users. This committee has been meeting every other week since June 9, 1999, in the development of location criteria for the replacement of the City's outdated wading pools. The next phase for this committee is to begin researching new designs and technologies in the field of aquatic playgrounds.

Larkin Aquatics is a division of the Larkin Group. The services provided to the City in this agreement include meeting with the Wading Pool Committee to develop three to four conceptual

designs, construction documents, host public meetings, and present information to the Park and Recreation Board and City Council.

Upon approval of this agreement, the Wading Pool Committee will begin working with the consultant on design concepts and preparation for public meetings to be scheduled for January 2000. Staff anticipates returning to the Council in February 2000 with recommendations of the Citizen Wading Pool Advisory Committee.