

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**99-514**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

DECEMBER 6, 1999

The proposed resolution authorizes the City Manager to finalize negotiations with Warren County to undertake a joint comprehensive planning effort for the unincorporated area within Warren County which is of interest to the City of Des Moines. The Mayor would be authorized to sign an agreement upon terms substantially similar to those contained in the proposed Agreement for Joint Planning Services.

**SUBJECT:**

AGREEMENT FOR  
JOINT PLANNING  
SERVICES WITH  
WARREN COUNTY

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The City would be obligated to pay not more than \$12,000 for the basic planning services itemized in the Exhibit A - Scope of Services (attached to the roll call).

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

JIM GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

**BACKGROUND -**

On March 22, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-870, the City Council endorsed the efforts by the Mayor, City Manager, and Community Development Director to work with Warren County and the cities of Norwalk, Indianola, Carlisle, West Des Moines, and Cummings to undertake a joint planning effort for the boundary areas within and between the participating jurisdictions. The City Council further authorized and directed the Mayor, City Manager, and Community Development Director to continue working with Warren County and the other cities to undertake a joint planning effort.

After further discussions with Warren County and the other cities, Warren County tendered an agreement to the City of Des

Moines whereby the City would contribute \$12,000 towards a joint planning effort to be lead by the County's planning consultant, Freilich, Leitner & Carlisle. After further discussions, City staff prepared a preliminary Agreement for Joint Planning Services in a form acceptable to the City Manager and to representatives of the other cities. It is anticipated that if such an agreement is reached between Warren County and Des Moines, similar agreements will then be reached between Warren County and the other cities.

The Agreement was presented to the Warren County Board of Supervisors for their consideration on November 23, 1999. As of the date of this communication, Warren County has neither approved nor rejected the Agreement.

The resolution and roll call now before the City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Joint Planning Services with such minor changes as may be required by Warren County and approved by the City Manager. However, in no event may such changes increase the City's financial commitment above \$12,000 without further authorization.