CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

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AGENDA:

JANUARY 24, 2000

SUBJECT:

OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH DES MOINES CAROUSEL FOUNDATION

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
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SUBMITTED BY:

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PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

ITEM ____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS -

To approve Operating Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Carousel Foundation.

FISCAL IMPACT -

$250,000
$110,000 Des Moines Carousel Foundation donation;
$100,000 CIP #603746 "Neighborhood Park Improvements";
$40,000 Rieger Estate gift.

RECOMMENDATION -

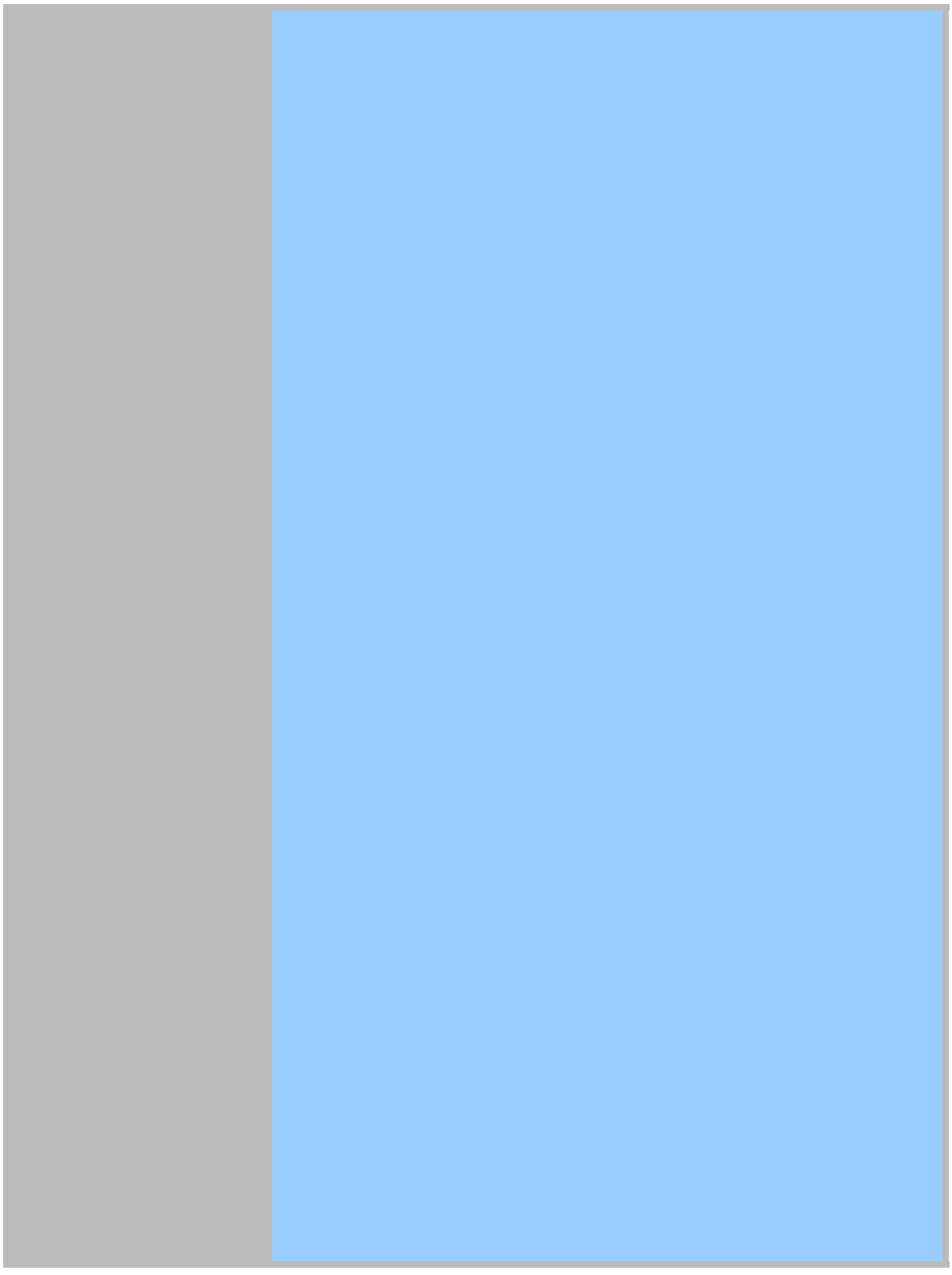
Approval.

BACKGROUND -

Park and Recreation Department staff have been working with J.C. Brenton, Des Moines Carousel Foundation Chairperson, to agree to a shared cost of constructing a pavilion to permanently house the Heritage Carousel. On Monday, December 6, 1999, the City received a letter from Mr. Brenton outlining the Des Moines Carousel Foundation's request.

The Foundation is requesting the City to contribute $140,000 toward construction expenses and create a ten-year agreement where the Foundation will fund, operate, and maintain the carousel and pavilion. The Foundation will provide the design, estimated at $16,000, and donate $110,000 to the City towards the estimated $250,000 construction costs.

Under the Operating Agreement the City will own the pavilion. However, the Foundation will be required to provide on-going maintenance during the term of the agreement. This agreement

may be renewed with mutual consent of both parties.

The Carousel has received significant use since its initial installation two years ago. This past summer attendance reached over 60,000 visitors. The addition of the pavilion will allow for a longer season and provide the necessary security for the carousel during non-operational hours and during the fall and winter months. The construction of the pavilion will also increase the life of the carousel since the Foundation will not need to dismantle each fall and reassemble each spring.