CITY COUNCIL **COMMUNICATION:**  ITEM

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: SYNOPSIS-**

00-056

Approval of Liquor Concession Agreement with Embassy

Suites.

**AGENDA:** 

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2000** 

The concessionaire will pay 20 percent of total gross revenue to the City. Revenue is anticipated at \$5,000 per season.

**SUBJECT:** 

**RECOMMENDATION -**

AMPHITHEATER

LIOUOR **CONCESSION AGREEMENT**  Approval.

**BACKGROUND** -

TYPE:

The concession agreement is between the City of Des Moines and Embassy Suites. The concessionaire will, for the

convenience of persons or groups renting the Amphitheater for **RESOLUTION ORDINANCE** concerts, weddings, and social gatherings, sell and dispense

RECEIVE/FILE alcoholic beverages at the Simon Estes Riverfront

Amphitheater. No alcohol will be dispensed or served except by the concessionaire, including special events and concerts

sponsored by the City of Des Moines' Park and Recreation

Department.

**SUBMITTED BY:** 

DONALD M. TRIPP, PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Since July 1996, Embassy Suites Hotel has been the contracted concessionaire to provide alcoholic beverages during concerts, wedding receptions, and other rentals of the Simon Estes Riverfront Amphitheater. For the preceding four years Embassy Suites Hotel has executed their duties in the agreement with exceptional diligence. Their high level of service has enhanced the reputation of the Simon Estes Riverfront Amphitheater as an ideal location for social events.

The 1996 one-year contract awarded to Embassy Suites expired

February 28, 1997. Embassy Suites was then awarded the three-year contract which expired January 15, 2000. Requests for proposals were sent out in December 1999 with one bid returned. This agreement is exclusively for rights to provide alcoholic concession service for the Simon Estes Riverfront Amphitheater. Embassy Suites will need a liquor license to sell liquor on this site.

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