



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

00-260

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 5, 2000

Agreement for Professional Services with The Larkin Group, Inc. (9233 Ward Parkway, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO, 64114, M. Clark Thompson, President) to provide for the design of a new water playground at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. PARK
WATER
PLAYGROUND
DESIGN
AGREEMENT FOR
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES

FISCAL IMPACT -

Compensation to the consultant for work covered by this agreement shall not exceed \$11,800. Funds are provided in the approved 2000/01 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Development.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, P. E.
CITY ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

On May 3, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-1410, the City Council 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. On September 13, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-2843, the City entered into an agreement with The Larkin Group, Inc. to provide conceptual designs for new water playgrounds to replace the existing wading pools.

The City recommends hiring The Larkin Group, Inc. to complete the design for the water playground to be installed at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. The Larkin Group's preliminary work on the conceptual plans will allow them the ability to move this project ahead in a timely fashion. The \$100,000 gift from American Republic to complete the water playground project necessitates expediting the construction of the improvements to the park.

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