

## Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
<b>01-098</b>	<b>OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA</b>
<b>AGENDA:</b>	<b>SYNOPSIS -</b>
FEBRUARY 26, 2001	Approve a one-time waiver of the City's advertisement policy in order to significantly decrease the buying time of the lights designed for the Gray's Lake Bridge.
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT -</b>
WAIVER OF CITY ADVERTISEMENT POLICY	The estimated cost for the lighting fixtures is \$28,000.
<b>TYPE:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION -</b>
<b>RESOLUTION</b> ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	<b>Approval.</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	<b>BACKGROUND -</b>
DONALD M. TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR	<p>A \$1.5 million gift was received by the City from David Kruidenier to construct a bicycle/pedestrian trail around Gray's Lake. When the trail design was changed to include a bridge across a portion of Gray's Lake, Mr. Kruidenier agreed to an extension of the original completion date beyond September 30, 2000. It was anticipated the bridge would be completed by December 31, 2000. However, the bridge was not completed by this time due to the early winter weather. Meanwhile, final design of the bridge railing and bridge lighting underwent several necessary changes. On January 25, 2001, Mr. Kruidenier communicated to the City that in order to collect on his final gift payment of \$400,000, it would be necessary for the City to complete all elements of the bridge and trail no later than June 1, 2001. On February 20, 2001, a final design for the lighting system was completed.</p> <p>The lighting selected for the bridge requires that the fixtures and lamps be ordered from a manufacturer in California. Upon speaking with the lighting manufacturer's representative for Iowa, it was made very clear to City staff that a normal waiting period of 6-8</p>

weeks for receiving a shipment could soon be extended to 12-16 weeks because of the recent energy crisis in California. The lighting manufacturer will also be cutting production from two shifts to one. Thus, the earlier an order can be placed, the more certain the deadline can be met. In addition, because the installation of the lights has been gifted by Local 347 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, represented by Jerry Granberg, it is doubly important that the installation schedule not be extended further into the busier time of the construction season.

By temporarily waiving the City's present advertising requirement, a savings of almost two weeks is gained. This is needed time in order to coordinate the mounting of the lighting fixtures with the installation of the bridge railing and to meet Mr. Kruidenier's deadline. Several local vendors have been identified who can supply the selected light fixture. All will be given an opportunity to bid.