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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

01-161

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

AGENDA:

APRIL 2, 2001

SUBJECT:

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES
AGREEMENTS FOR
SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT
VALUATION
SERVICES

SYNOPSIS -

Professional Services Agreements for Special Assessment Valuation Services have been negotiated with Joseph J. Bell, Jeff Rowat, and L. E. Calvert to serve as members of the Valuation Committee in connection with Special Assessment Projects.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Special Assessment Valuation Committee Members shall be paid an hourly rate of \$30.84 out of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Assessment Accounts for services rendered.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approve Professional Services Agreements for Special Assessment Valuation Services with Joseph J. Bell, Jeff Rowat, and L. E. Calvert for the period from April 2, 2001 to April 1, 2002.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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BACKGROUND -

As part of the special assessment process, §384.46 of the Code of Iowa, requires the City Council to determine the valuation of each lot within the proposed assessment district. A valuation must be the present fair market value of the property with the proposed public improvement completed. As an aid in determining valuations, the City Council may appoint three persons skilled in the knowledge of real estate values within the City to establish the present fair market value of each lot within a district and to file a written report of those values with the City Council.

Chapter 94, Article II, of the Municipal Code of the City establishes duties, valuation committee qualifications of members, and fees for services. Section 94-36 stated that individuals shall be

skilled in the knowledge of real estate values within the City and possess the qualifications that will justify the reception of their testimony in Polk County District Court as experts upon real estate valuations, if necessary. Section 94-32 states that members of the Valuation Committee shall serve as to one or more improvements, or for any length of time not exceeding one year. Any member may be reappointed. Section 94-33 states that the members of the Valuation Committee shall receive compensation at an hourly rate for time actually employed in performing committee duties equivalent to Range 30A, Step 5, of the City salary schedule, which under the current salary schedule is SPM Range 10 Step 8.0 with an hourly rate of \$30.84 effective June 26, 2000.

On March 25, 1996, under Roll Call No. 96-1101; on July 7, 1997, under Roll Call No. 97-2315; on July 13, 1998, under Roll Call No. 98-2161, and on October 4, 1999, under Roll Call No. 99-3148, the City Council approved Professional Services Agreements for Special Assessment Valuation Services between the City and Joseph J. Bell, Jeff Rowat, and L. E. Calvert.