

Meeting Agendas/Info

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

01-340

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

JUNE 18, 2001

The International Resource Cities Partnership Program, sponsored by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the International City Management Association (ICMA) has requested that the City of Des Moines partner with Amman, Jordan to assist them with the development of improved solid waste management systems.

SUBJECT:

INTERNATIONAL
RESOURCE CITIES
PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAM

FISCAL IMPACT -

The cost of the salaries of the Des Moines city personnel involved.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION --

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval of Des Moines participation.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

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CITY MANAGER

ICMA, funded by USAID, pairs United States cities with partner cities throughout the world to assist them in solving their municipal problems. ICMA selects cities with proven records of good management for this purpose and pays the expenses of staff people with appropriate expertise to visit their partner and work with their municipal officials. The period of the partnership is approximately two years.

Amman, Jordan has need for improvement of their solid waste management systems, including industrial, commercial and residential collection and disposal. ICMA has determined that the City of Des Moines and the Metro Waste Agency are uniquely qualified to assist officials in Amman in developing systems of collection and disposal of these wastes. The Des Moines City Manager, Public Works Director and the Director of the Solid Waste Agency have been invited to Amman for an initial trip to plan the

work of the partnership, including two or three ways to improve their systems. Thereafter, technical teams will exchange several visits as the improvements are implemented.

All expenses for travel and staying in the city will be paid by the program. The cities will be responsible for the salaries of their individual staff members.
