

Meeting Agendas/Info

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

01-424

AGENDA:

AUGUST 6, 2001

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZATION TO
BID FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF
GRAY'S LAKE
RESOURCE CENTER

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS -

Due to a high demand for recreational space, a contract to complete Gray's Lake's Resource Center improvements to assure utilization in 2002 is proposed.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Funding for base bid of \$735,000 has been identified by using available Gray's Lake Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds and deferring other Park projects until Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2003. Staff will prepare an amendment to the FY 2002-2003 CIP to replace the funds to these deferred projects through use of funds currently budgeted for Gray's Lake.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The original Phase 1 Gray's Lake improvements did not anticipate completion of the Resource Center Master Plan. The plan for this area includes a marine rental facility, restrooms, concession stand, observation deck, plaza, parking lot and boat dock, and trail. During fundraising, a group of donors, led by Oaks Development Corporation and Regency Builders, expressed support to attempt to have these improvements donated through contributions of labor and materials. These efforts have significantly completed these improvements, but some work is left and donations have slowed.

The public's response to Gray's Lake has been extraordinary and there is a high demand for the additional amenities and recreational space which will be provided in the southwest

corner. The bid documents presented will complete this area to a level which will allow building use after December 1, 2001, and use of the plaza and parking lot by May 1, 2002. The trail was previously opened for use in 2000.

The City is very appreciative of the very significant contributions of Regency Builders, Oaks Development Corporation, local contractors, and multiple Trade Unions to substantially complete the southwest corner.
