

Meeting Agendas/Info

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

01-502

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 21, 2001

SUBJECT:

ADDITIONAL POLICE
OFFICERS AT DES
MOINES
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

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ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS -

Due to the terrorist events of September 11, 2001, involving the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) directed that security be increased at all commercial airports throughout the United States. As part of this increased security at the Des Moines International Airport, additional Des Moines Police Officers have been assigned to airport security related duties. It is believed that many, if not all, of these increased security measures will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

FISCAL IMPACT -

The extra officers provided to the Airport are to be paid from airport user fees and/or federal or state grants that may be provided in the future for this purpose. Current agreements with the airlines operating at the Airport provide that the increased police costs, currently being incurred for airport security reasons, are to be included in the fees and charges paid by the airlines. The Airport's revised Operating Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001/2002 will include the extra costs to cover these increased security charges and the extra revenues to be provided by the airlines to cover these costs.

RECOMMENDATION -

The City Council immediately approve increasing by five officers the table of organization of the Des Moines Police Department from 354 to 359 sworn officers.

BACKGROUND -

The FAA is responsible for regulating aviation security in the United States. A part of aviation security, as established and

regulated by the FAA, the City of Des Moines, as owner and operator of the Des Moines International Airport, is required to provide certain security items and to perform certain security functions. These requirements include providing local law enforcement officers at the Airport to assist in fulfilling required security functions. For many years, these required law enforcement functions at the Airport have been provided at Aviation Department expense by the Des Moines Police Department. With the FAA requirement for more security, additional law enforcement officers from the Des Moines Police Department are now needed so that additional officers can be assigned to the Airport for the foreseeable future.
