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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

01-526

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

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 8, 2001

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC ARTS
COMMISSION AND
ARTS PROGRAM
ORDINANCE

SYNOPSIS -

The proposed ordinance to establish a Public Arts Commission and Public Arts Program is intended to provide the City of Des Moines with a consistent but flexible process to govern both public and private public art projects in Des Moines. This includes, but is not limited to, planning for art; the selection of art; identifying locations for art; acquiring, installing and maintaining art; and educating the public about art. The ordinance establishes a goal of annually funding the Public Art Program at a level equal to 1½ percent of the general obligation funds of the City appropriated for capital improvements as included in the adopted Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

FISCAL IMPACT -

Up to 1½ percent of the annual general obligation funded portion of the annual CIP could be utilized for this purpose. However, Council will have the discretion to allocate less than 1½ percent based on budget needs.

SUBMITTED BY:

ERIC A. ANDERSON
CITY MANAGER

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

On March 15, 1999, the City Council authorized the Mayor to establish a Des Moines Public Art/Design Task Force. Since then, the Task Force has been working toward developing a Public Art Program for the City of Des Moines. This has involved research on Public Arts Programs in other cities, and interviews with individuals associated with the programs. The Task Force also worked with Design Iowa, an initiative of the Iowa Arts Council and their advisors, Bruce Williams, Coordinator of Artists and Public Art Programs for the Iowa Arts Council and Jack Becker, Project

Manager for Forecast Public Artworks in St. Paul, Minnesota. On December 18, 2000, the City Council declared its intent to establish a Public Arts Commission and referred the matter to the City Manager for a recommendation on staffing and budget and to the Legal Department for the preparation of the necessary amendments to the Des Moines Municipal Code. The Public Art Task Force Chairs, with technical assistance from the City Legal Department, propose an ordinance to establish a public arts program and a public arts commission.
