

Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

01-552

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

OCTOBER 22, 2001

Since June of 2000, the Fire Department has been actively advertising an outdated aerial truck for sale. Council authorization to proceed with a tendered offer is requested at this time.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

SALE OF DES
MOINES FIRE
DEPARTMENT
RESERVE
APPARATUS, 1979
AERIAL TRUCK

The sale will result in \$55,000 being returned to the Fire Department's Capitol Improvement Program (CIP) "Apparatus Acquisition" account.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

Authorization for the Fire Department, through Purchasing, to proceed with the sale of a 1979 LTI aerial ladder truck.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

RON WAKEHAM
FIRE CHIEF

The Fire Department presently maintains and staffs six ladder trucks in a front-line status. The Tri-Data Corporation study of the Fire Department in 1997 recommended it retain all six ladders and place a seventh in reserve for necessary fill-in during repairs. Presently, the Fire Department has one reserve ladder, a training ladder upon which new recruits learn, and a third 100' aerial built in 1979 on which an offer to purchase has been received. The Fire Department purchased its two newest aerials in June of 2000, and has been actively marketing this older aerial for sale since that time. As a trade-in at that time, the price offered was deemed insufficient. Sealed bids were again requested in January of 2001 with the same result. This aerial was then placed on two separate internet sites for fire apparatus in March of 2001, with considerable activity, but no offers. Finally, in September of 2001, by sealed bid, an offer was received that more closely paralleled the value of the truck. It is this offer that is brought before Council to request authorization to proceed.
