

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

02-003

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JANUARY 7, 2002

SUBJECT:

CONTRACT WITH
TOTER, INC. FOR
PURCHASE OF
TWO-WHEELED
SOLID WASTE
CARTS

On September 24, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-2936, the City Council approved expansion of the automated solid waste collection program to include two more routes per day at an approximate cost of \$715,000 for carts and collection vehicles. While competitive bids will need to be taken on the vehicles, carts are currently available at very favorable prices under a bid taken earlier by the Metro Waste Authority. The Legal Department, however, advises that a separate agreement with the manufacturer, Toter, Inc. (David Grogan, President, 841 Meacham Street, Statesville, North Carolina 28677) will now be necessary prior to purchase of the carts. This purchase preserves the favorable pricing available through the Metro Waste Authority while protecting the City's warranty benefit.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

FISCAL IMPACT -

Funding for lease/purchase of the carts is calculated at \$351,734.40 and is provided for in the Solid Waste Enterprise Account.

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM STOWE
PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION -

Approve the contract with Toter, Inc. to permit purchase of the two-wheeled carts required for expansion of the automated solid waste collection program.

BACKGROUND -

On October 2, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-3941, the City Council approved the purchase of 4,608 two-wheeled 96-gallon carts at a total cost of \$182,016 to initiate automated collection. The carts were bid by Metro Waste Authority and purchased from Toter, Inc. On April 1, 2001, automated solid waste collection commenced for approximately 3,886 households in Des Moines.

On September 24, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-2936, the Public Works Director reported that the initial automated collection program was very well received. Over 85 percent of respondents to a survey rated the program a four or better on a five point scale. As a result, Council authorized expansion of the automated solid waste collection program to include two more routes per day at an approximate cost of \$715,000 for carts and collection vehicles.
