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CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

JANUARY 28, 2002

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS -

Authorization is necessary for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds in an aggregate amount estimated at \$3,320,000. This issuance will be used to call the Taxable General Obligation Hotel-Motel Tax Bonds, Series 1992B, and replace them with bonds issued at a lower interest rate, as a means of reducing interest expenses. The new bonds will also be taxable.

The City will receive competitive bids from underwriters at 12:00 PM

with the best bid (lowest interest rate) and to authorize issuance of the

bonds. Information regarding bids received will be provided just prior

on Monday, January 28, 2002. At tonight's City Council meeting, Council will be asked to award the sale to the firm or group of firms

\$3,320,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2002B (REFUNDING SERIES 1992B)

TYPE:

02-038

AGENDA:

SUBJECT:

<u>RESOLUTION</u> FISCA

ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

MERRILL R. STANLEY FINANCE DIRECTOR **FISCAL IMPACT -**The refinancing of the Taxable General Obligation Hotel-Motel Tax Bonds, Series 1992B, which have an outstanding principal balance of

\$3,150,000, will provide for estimated average annual debt service savings of \$22,000 through 2011.

RECOMMENDATION -

to the Council meeting.

Direct the sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002B.

BACKGROUND -

The Taxable General Obligation Hotel-Motel Tax Bonds, Series 1992B, were originally issued in the amount of \$4,400,000, on January 6, 1992, to fund the general obligation portion of the Sec Taylor Stadium project. The call date on the outstanding bonds is December 1, 2002.