

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

02-055

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JANUARY 28, 2002

The City of Des Moines' flood operations plan includes provisions for the installation of a panel closure on Valley Drive at Fleur Drive. To ensure timely installation and to free City Public Works' crews for other flood control tasks, the Des Moines Water Works has agreed to install the closure. Provisions for their assistance have been outlined in a service agreement, subject to approval by the City Council.

SUBJECT:

28E AGREEMENT
WITH DES MOINES
WATER WORKS

FISCAL IMPACT -

None.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approve the agreement.

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM STOWE
PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

On September 30, 2000, L.D. McMullen, C.E.O. and General Manager of the Des Moines Water Works, wrote to request information on the procedure in place for the operation of the Valley Drive gate structure in the event of a flood. In subsequent meetings, Water Works' staff were advised of the City's flood operation plan and, specifically, provisions for closing Valley Drive when floodwater begins to top Fleur Drive. To ensure timely installation of the gate closure, an agreement has been reached between the Des Moines Water Works and the City for joint installation.

Under the agreement, the Des Moines Water Works would store, transport, and assemble the Valley Drive panel closure under the supervision of City staff. Water Works' staff would also operate and maintain any pumping apparatus required to relieve seepage.

Consistent with the agreement, the City will retain responsibility for

notifying surrounding businesses and residents when installation of the closure will be initiated. The City shall oversee installation to ensure proper placement and pay for any required replacement parts for the closure. The City will also hold the Water Works and its board members harmless relative to the performance of the aluminum panel closure.

Approval of the agreement is recommended in preparation for this spring's flood season.
