



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-290

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

AGENDA:

JUNE 3, 2002

SYNOPSIS -

Approval of a year-to-year lease agreement by and between Mike Christenson and the City of Des Moines for the lease of farmland located between the James W. Cownie Soccer Park and the Des Moines River in the vicinity of 22nd Street and Hartford Avenue.

SUBJECT:

LEASE OF
FARMLAND
LOCATED
BETWEEN JAMES
W. COWNIE
SOCCER PARK AND
THE DES MOINES
RIVER IN THE
VICINITY OF 22ND
STREET AND
HARTFORD
AVENUE

FISCAL IMPACT -

\$6,119.50 in revenue annually.

RECOMMENDATION -

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TYPE:

BACKGROUND -

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

The previous tenant, Darrel and Christine Lawrence, terminated the previous lease on the property in accordance with the terms of the lease.

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

The Park and Recreation Department does not have an immediate need to expand the soccer complex onto the lease area and desires to continue to lease the property for agriculture purposes.

A request for bids was published in the Des Moines Register on Sunday, April 21, 2002.

On April 26, 2002, three bids were opened regarding a year-to-year lease agreement for the farmland located between the James W. Cownie Soccer Park and the Des Moines River in the vicinity of 22nd

Street and Hartford Avenue.

Bids were received from Mike Christenson, Doug George, and Roscoe Rush. Mike Christenson of Christenson Farms was deemed to be the high bidder for the property and was awarded the lease.

The lease agreement is a year-to-year agreement, but expires under its own terms November 1, 2004.
