

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**02-360**

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

**AGENDA:**

JULY 8, 2002

**SYNOPSIS -**

Approve letting bids for construction of the Ashby Park Water Feature including wading pool and associated equipment, mechanical and restroom facility remodel, and contract administration as proposed in the Parks Wading Pool Master Plan.

**SUBJECT:**

WATER FEATURE  
AT ASHBY PARK

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

\$300,000 (estimate) of FY2003 CIP funding. Design originally included a parking lot, but because of citizen concerns for its proposed location, it has been delayed and will be presented separately at a later date. Funding for this project is budgeted and available from Capital Improvement Program Accounts CP040PKS990000PKS137 (\$128,000) and CPO40PKS990000PKS034 (\$172,000). The \$128,000 from PKS128 includes \$12,000 intended for resurfacing the Ashby Park tennis courts. The resurfacing will be delayed until FY2004.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

DONALD M. TRIPP  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

In June of 1999, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Board established the Citizen Advisory Wading Pool Committee to study and analyze the existing opportunities and constraints of the City of Des Moines' wading pools. On October 24, 2000, after several public meetings, the Park and Recreation Board received and filed the Committee's recommendations. On November 6, 2000, the Des Moines City Council received and filed the same recommendations from the Park and Recreation Board.

One of the wading pool sites that was recommended to continue and be renovated was Ashby Park. A novelty design, essentially a figure

eight with a traditional pool and an added area with water spray fountains, is planned for the site (see Exhibit A attached to the Roll Call). In addition to the new wading pool, the Committee recommended building a new parking lot within the park to replace the existing on-street parking lot. It was felt that the new parking lot would be much safer, especially with an anticipated increase in use of the new wading pool. Subsequent to the Council's receipt of the Committee's recommendations, several citizens from the Ashby neighborhood expressed concerns with regard to the proposed parking lot.

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