CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

03-570

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 8, 2003

SUBJECT:

REDUCTION OF EMPLOYEES AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT APPROVED CONSOLIDATION PLAN

TYPE:

RESOLUTION ORDINANCE

RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

Approval of the layoff of two full-time employees and seven part-time positions, one of which is occupied by a current employee, as part of the Community Development Department consolidation plan approved by the City Council on November 17, 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT —

None.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approve the layoff of two full-time Civil Service employees and the elimination of seven part-time positions, one of which is occupied by a non-Civil Service part-time employee, and authorize the City Manager to take the necessary action and notifications to effectuate the required elimination of staff.

BACKGROUND —

On November 17, 2003, the City Council approved a consolidation plan for the Community Development Department's site offices as outlined in Council Communication No. 03-532. The reduction in the number of site offices reduces the required number of employees to provide the continued services. Intermediate Clerk Typists Juliann Jones and Sherry Lydic are Civil Service employees occupying these two full-time Civil Service positions. Accordingly, Iowa Code Chapter 400.28 required the City Council to authorize the diminishment in number of Civil Service employees. These employees will be issued proper notice of layoff and will be afforded an opportunity to exercise their seniority over other employees in the same classification. Eventually, two employees will be leaving the employment of the City.

Although City Council approval is not required by Iowa Code Chapter 400 for non-Civil Service employees, the Community Development consolidation plan will also eliminate seven part-time positions. All but one of those positions is vacant.

The remaining employee will be laid off if no other part-time positions

are available. rights.	Part-time	employees	have no	seniority	"bumping"