

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-589

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 8, 2003

SUBJECT:

ASHBY PARK WATER
PLAYGROUND TIME
EXTENSION

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

The City Engineer recommends approving the contractor's request for the extension of the completion date on the Ashby Park Water Playground from October 21, 2003 to May 1, 2004. The contractor is Russell Construction Company, Inc. (James V. Russell, President, 2550 - 73rd Street, Urbandale, Iowa, 50322).

FISCAL IMPACT —

None.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the time extension.

BACKGROUND —

The original contract completion date of September 30, 2003 was extended to October 21, 2003 by Change Order No. 1 approved by Roll Call No. 03-1936 on August 25, 2003, due to unexpected soil conditions in the area of the surge pit. This delay caused other portions of the project that are temperature sensitive to be extended beyond the winter shutdown period and the wading pool equipment could not be tested. The Park and Recreation Department will be opening the wading pool on Memorial Day weekend, which starts on May 28, 2004. The requested extension to May 1, 2004 will not impact the desired opening date and yet will provide the time for the contractor to complete the project; allow the State of Iowa to conduct the required inspections; and allow the contractor to train Park and Recreation Department personnel on the operations of the pool. The contractor-provided maintenance bond will be extended to reflect the completion date.

