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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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Roll Call

Submitted by: William McCarthy, Chief of Police

### SUBJECT—

Annual Contract for Auctioneering Services

### SYNOPSIS—

The Police Department and the Equipment Maintenance Center utilize an auctioneer to sell impounded, abandoned, and replacement City vehicles several times during the year. There is also a need to utilize auctioneering services for City surplus property sales and evidential property released by the courts. This property falls under three categories, which are listed as Abandoned/Surplus Vehicles, Unclaimed property, and Miscellaneous Sales. An invitation to bid on these three categories was issued by the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department and three vendors responded with valid proposals. The recommendation is to accept proposal submitted by Ronald Peck and Auction Outlet Services (119 Columbus Ave., Des Moines, IA, Jerry Hoffman, Owner).

### FISCAL IMPACT—

Cost to the City is \$65,000 for all categories.

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

**BACKGROUND—**

Bid invitations were sent out to eight vendors requesting a proposal on any one or all three categories. The City received three responses. Ron Peck bid on the Category I (Abandoned/Surplus Vehicles) but was unchallenged by either of the other two submittals. Mr. Peck has provided services to the City in the past and is capable of continuing this service. The other two bidders submitted proposals on Category II and III. Of the two submittals, only Auction Outlet was in compliance with the specifications. Pirtle Auction Services is located outside the metropolitan boundaries. The specifications require that storage and sales shall be located inside the metropolitan area.