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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Agenda Date: 01/10/05

Communication

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Roll Call No.:

Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

### SUBJECT—

Construction of Chesterfield Greenhouses.

### SYNOPSIS—

Approve the solicitation of bids for the construction of the Chesterfield Greenhouses near the Chesterfield Community Center on Maury Avenue.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

The consultants estimated base bid for approximately 10,000 square feet of greenhouse and headhouse space is \$327,900. One bid add alternate is estimated at \$90,000, and another bid add alternate is estimated at \$19,800 for a total estimated project construction cost of \$437,700. The current cash balance in the Greenhouse account is \$372,790 plus another \$59,800 budgeted for FY2004-2005 for a total of \$432,590.

The adopted FY2004/05 CIP budget authorized \$420,000 of G.O. funding in FY 2003-04 and an additional \$55,000 of "other funding" in FY 2004-05. The FY 2004-05 "other funding" is not available. Consequently, the recommended FY2005-06 CIP budget will show the "other funding" in FY05 being replaced by \$59,800 of G.O. funding.

The \$59,800 in G.O. funding will be transferred from the Gray's Lake Improvements CIP Account PKS140 to the Greenhouse account PKS161. The Greater Des Moines Community

Foundation has reimbursed the City for money fronted for the construction of the pedestrian bridge. The fronted funding was loaned from various project accounts.

**RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND—**

On March 22, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-604, Council approved a professional service agreement with Larson Architecture LLC to provide professional design services for the greenhouses at Chesterfield Community Center.

On June 21, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-1310, Council approved a lease for 9,000 square feet of greenhouse space at 1444 Washington Avenue, Des Moines in order to grow Fall and Winter floral crops and to store tropical plants used in outdoor floral plantings in the downtown.

On July 12, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-1397, Council approved the solicitation of bids for the construction of the Chesterfield greenhouses near the Chesterfield Community Center.

On August 23, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-1809, Council rejected all bids for the proposed construction of the Chesterfield greenhouses near the Chesterfield Community Center.