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SUBJECT—

Greenhouse Use Agreement

SYNOPSIS—

Approve the Greenhouse Use Agreement that enables City staff to use three greenhouses at the Botanical Center through December 31, 2005 for the purpose of growing the seasonal floral crops like annuals, chrysanthemums, etc. required for use on public property around the City.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The cost to grow the plants for the Dome is estimated to be \$10,000. The City will accrue considerable savings by growing as opposed to purchasing the plant material required to meet community and park needs for 2005.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The Des Moines Water Works has offered to the City of Des Moines use of three of the greenhouses at the Botanical Center through December 31, 2005. In return for use of the

greenhouses the City will grow the seasonal plant material for the dome as well as the annuals for the grounds of the Center. It is estimated that the cost of the propagative stock and related supplies (pots, soil, flats, etc.) will be in the neighborhood of \$30,000. By way of comparison, it is anticipated that buying these plants would cost approximately \$125,000.