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SUBJECT—

Landscaping City Parking Garage (Grand Avenue and Locust Street from 8th to 9th Streets).

SYNOPSIS—

Approve the sole source purchase and installation of 27 Egyptian style planters from Neumann Brothers Inc., 1435 Ohio Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The budgetary impact for the purchase, installation and planting of the containers through calendar 2005 is \$54,675.00. Funding will be provided from the Parking System operating budget, Organization Code: ENG100701, Fund Code: EN051, Account Code 527620. Of this sum, \$45,225.00 covers the purchase and installation; \$1,350.00 covers the cost of the growing media; and, \$8,100.00 covers the plant materials used in the three seasonal floral displays that remain in calendar 2005. In calendar 2006, the cost of the plant materials used in the four seasonal floral displays will be \$10,800.00.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

With the National Governor's Association meeting coming to Des Moines July 15 – 18, 2005, it is aesthetically desirable to extend to 9th Street the same type of seasonal floral plantings that currently exist along Grand and Locust from 8th Street east to 6th Avenue. The City of Des Moines operates a parking garage located on the block between Grand Avenue and Locust Street from 8th to 9th Streets. In order to replicate the curbside arrangement of Egyptian style planters on Grand and Locust from 8th Street east toward 7th Street, a total of 27 planters (25 tall and 2 short) are required.

The unique design of the planters and the time factor make it imperative that the purchase and installation of the units be made from Neumann Brothers Inc. All of the other units currently in use have been supplied and installed by Neumann Brothers Inc.

Once installed, Park and Recreation Department staff will fill the containers with growing media and plant and maintain the seasonal floral displays. Displays will contain the same plant materials as those used in the rest of the Egyptian style containers.