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SUBJECT—

Award of Bid V05-097 Police Department Towing and Storage Contract

SYNOPSIS—

The current City Contract for Towing and Storage of impounded motor vehicles expires May 9th 2005. Bid specifications were distributed to eight potential bidders. Three proposals were returned to the City. The proposals were evaluated and recommendations finalized. Two of these bidders complied with the specifications and the third company did not comply with zoning requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT—

None. Any revenue obtained from the sale of abandoned impounded vehicles is turned over to the State of Iowa. The State of Iowa reimburses the City for any expenses incurred up to a specific amount.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval by the City Council to award the District 1 (West Side) towing and storage contract to Owen Crist Auto Body Incorporated (Larry Crist, Owner/President, 1221 Keosauqua Way, Des Moines, IA 50309) and approval of American Towing (Richard Tibbets, President, 2114 SE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA) as the towing and storage contractor for District 2(East Side).

BACKGROUND—

The Police Department's Towing and Storage Contract approved May 7, 2001(Roll Call 01-1376) will expire May 9, 2005. The Towing and Storage contract is utilized by the Police Department to remove abandoned, illegally parked and hazardous vehicles from public property.

The Finance Department distributed specifications and bidding invitations to eight vendors. Three of these vendors responded with proposals. The three vendors are G&S Service Incorporated, Owen Crist Auto Body Incorporated, and American Towing. The low compliant bidder for the District 2 region (East Side) was American Towing. The low dollar bidder for District 1 (West Side) is G&S Service Incorporated. This company does not meet specifications because their location in the City of Des Moines at 1700 East Aurora does not meet zoning requirements for a Salvage Yard due to a City Council imposed moratorium. The compliant bidder is Owen Crist Auto Body Incorporated who should be awarded the new contract for District 1 (West Side).

This contract is now and has been based upon the supposition that this contract is to be an agreement with the City and the successful vendor for a period of two years with two one year renewals. This is a total contract term of four years. Municipal Code Section 2-737 now states goods and services can only be contracted for an initial term of one year with two one year renewals. The Towing and Storage Companies who bid these services prefer the four-year contract to defray the cost of equipment and services over a longer period of time.