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SUBJECT—

Award of Bid V05-097 District 2 Police Department Towing and Storage Contract.

SYNOPSIS—

The current City Contract for District 1 and 2 Towing and Storage of impounded motor vehicles expired May 9, 2005. Bid specifications were distributed to eight potential bidders. Three proposals were returned to the City. The proposals were evaluated, and it is recommended the District 2 region be awarded to the low compliant bidder who is American Towing, 2114 Southeast 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, Richard M. Tibbits, President. The award of District 1 should be delayed until the Police Department can provide to the Council a report concerning the compliance of G&S Service Incorporated to the provisions of the bidding specifications.

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

BACKGROUND—

The Police Department's Towing and Storage Contract approved May 7, 2001 (Roll Call No. 01-1376) expired 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.

This contract is now, and has been in the past, 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. However, a change was recently made to Municipal Code Section 2-737, which now states that goods and services can only be contracted for an initial term of one year with two one year renewals. Staff recommends an exception to this section of the Municipal Code to allow a four-year contract similar to those issued in the past. 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.

The District 1 proposals will require further investigation by the City to reach an understanding concerning the compliance of G&S Services Incorporated, P.O. Box 467, 5356 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, Iowa, Glen Mirkel, President. A compliance report will be constructed by the Police Department for review by the City Council before the May 23, 2005 Council meeting.