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COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

City Manager's Office

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Roll Call No.:

Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community Development Director

SUBJECT—

Public Hearing regarding petition for Expansion of the “Downtown Des Moines Self Supported Municipal Improvement District”

SYNOPSIS—

The City Council shall hear all owners of property in the proposed district or residents of the City desiring to express their views. The City Council must wait at least 30 days after the public hearing has been held before it may adopt an ordinance establishing a SSMID district.

FISCAL IMPACT—

N/A

RECOMMENDATION—

- Close the public hearing on the expansion of the District and find that the Petition and the expanded District satisfy the applicable requirements imposed by Chapter 386, Code of Iowa.
- Direct staff to prepare an ordinance for consideration on January 23, 2006 to expand the Downtown Des Moines Self Supported Municipal Improvement District as described in the petition but excluding those properties already located within the Sherman Hill Self Supported Municipal Improvement District.

BACKGROUND—

On November 7, 2005 the City Council received, filed and referred the petition for expansion to the City Plan and Zoning Commission for preparation of an evaluative report and recommendations regarding

expansion of the Downtown Des Moines SSMID. The Plan and Zoning Commission's evaluative report and recommendations were received and filed by the City Council on November 21, 2005.

Pursuant to Roll Call 05-2782, the City Council set a public hearing for December 19, 2005 regarding a petition to expand the Downtown Des Moines Self Supported Municipal Improvement District. Notice of the hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on December 8, 2005, and a copy of such notice was mailed by certified mail on December 2, 2005, to all the owners of record of real property located within the existing District and the areas proposed to be added to the District as shown by the records of the Polk County Auditor.

It has been brought to the City's attention that the petition and published legal description of the proposed Downtown Des Moines SSMID expansion includes certain properties that are already located within the Sherman Hill Self Supported Municipal Improvement District. Staff recommends that such properties have a relationship to and will benefit from the Sherman Hill SSMID and should be removed from the proposed Downtown SSMID boundary and that such change be reflected in the Ordinance that staff will prepare for consideration by the City Council on January 23, 2006.