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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Agenda Date: 01/23/06  
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Roll Call No.:

Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

### **SUBJECT—**

Amendment to the Lease Agreement for Polk County Senior Center Fort Des Moines School Park.

### **SYNOPSIS—**

This action approves an amendment to the existing lease agreement to allow for the removal of the basketball court and the expansion and construction of a parking lot.

### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

The amended lease agreement allows Polk County to remove the existing basketball court and construct an expanded parking lot. All costs associated with the removal of the basketball court and construction of the parking lot will be paid by Polk County through their capital improvement program budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

### **BACKGROUND—**

On April 2, 1990, by Roll Call No. 90-1442, the City of Des Moines entered into a 99-year lease with Polk County for the purpose of constructing a Senior Citizen Center and maintaining at least one-half of the property as a park and/or green space on land known as Fort Des Moines School Park located at S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Payton Avenue. The amended lease terms will continue to hold Polk County responsible for all maintenance responsibilities.

Council Member Archie Brooks raised this item for discussion at the January 18, 2006 Council Workshop. Staff concurred that the basketball court has received limited use and that other courts are available nearby for public recreational use.