



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

October 23, 2006

Agenda Item No. 34  
Roll Call No. 06-  
Communication No. 06-675  
Submitted by: Bill McCarthy, Police  
Chief ; Phillip Vorlander, Fire Chief

## AGENDA HEADING:

Ruan Radio Site Lease Agreement

## RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of Ruan Radio Site Lease Agreement

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$8,100 annually

Funding Source: 2005-2006 Operating Budget; Page 288, Radio Maintenance and Repair Fund, Code IS040, Organization POL 011000, Account 527040

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On December 15, 1986, Roll Call 86-5702, the City of Des Moines, Iowa entered into a lease agreement with the Ruan Center, 666 Grand Avenue to house radio transmitters and receivers for the Public Safety Emergency Radio System. This lease expired in December 1996. A new lease was constructed in June 24, 1996 for ten years. This was approved by the Council on Roll Call 96-2296 and will expire in December 2006. A new lease has been completed and signed by the owner of the Ruan Center. The annual cost of the agreement will increase from \$7,369.44 to \$8,100. The new lease term is for another ten years and will expire December 31, 2017.

Currently, the City has WRA antennas and tornado alarms utilizing the site along with the police and fire departments. This transmitter site is and will remain an extremely valuable location to operate dependable and highly functional voice and data radio systems for the City. The expanding needs of public safety require continual evaluation of radio communication coverage and staff is continually working to improve voice coverage issues. Additional sites are being investigated to assist in the enhancement of our current system. These locations will require further review. The Ruan Center is an established transmitter site and will continue to be necessary to support our communication needs.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 24, 1996

Roll Call Action: Roll Call 96-2296

Action: Renewal of Lease Agreement with Ruan Center Corporation, for leasing of space of an antenna site, 10-year period, \$489.32 per month for six transmitters and \$62.40 for each additional transmitter. (Council Communication No. 96-267). Moved by McPherson to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: December 15, 1986

Roll Call Action: Roll Call 86-5702

Action: Approved Lease Agreement with Ruan Center Corporation, for leasing antenna site.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Approval of new lease agreement in 2017.