



# Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 41

Roll Call No. 08-

Communication No. 08-371

Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of a three year lease agreement with the Hispanic Outreach with Legal Assistance (HOLA) Resource Center

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of a new three-year lease agreement with the HOLA Center (Hispanic Outreach with Legal Assistance) Resource Center, located at 618 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50316, Penny B. Nichols, Executive Director, for office space to house two Des Moines police officers.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$458.33 per month or approximately \$5,500.00 per year for each of the three years of the lease.

Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget; GE001, POL100175, page 272.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For several years, the Hispanic population of Des Moines has been increasing. The language and cultural customs of the members of this ethnic group have made it difficult for them to participate in available public safety and human services. In an effort to improve this situation, community and neighborhood leaders in conjunction with the Roman Catholic Diocese have created the HOLA Center. The HOLA Center is a renovated school building that provides office space to several government and private agencies that assist the growing Hispanic community. Other organizations involved include Polk County and the State of Iowa.

Law enforcement assistance is also provided by the Des Moines Police Department at the HOLA Center. An office space has been identified at the HOLA Center to house two police officers and their office equipment. The Police Department desires to maintain a close relationship with the Hispanic community. Locating two officers at the Center will make the officers more available and responsive to community needs.

On September 12, 2005, the City Council approved a lease with the HOLA Center. That lease expires June 30, 2008. A new agreement has been negotiated to continue services at this location. The only change to the terms and conditions is an increase in rent from \$416.67 per month to \$458.33, which is consistent with increases in the cost of living.

All parties have agreed to the lease which now requires City Council approval to complete the process.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: September 12, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2228

Action: Lease Agreement with the HOLA Center, 618 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street for office space to house two Des Moines Police Officers to aid in providing more comprehensive law enforcement services to the Hispanic Community. (Council Communication No. 05-518) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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