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	Agenda Item No. 37 Roll Call No. 08- Communication No. 08-710 Submitted by: Chris Johansen, Assistant City Manager	

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code regarding purchasing and procurement powers of the Public Housing Advisory Board.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approving amendment to the Municipal Code Section 90-35 regarding the Public Housing Advisory Board’s powers to approve Competitive Proposal Contracts for the procurement of goods and services in compliance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as set forth in HUD procurement handbook No. 7460.8 REV 2.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This proposed amendment will allow other criteria to be used, in addition to price, for the procurement of goods and services. Some procurement for goods and services that normally follow a sealed bid process may be bid through a more formal competitive proposal process.

Municipal Code Section 90-35 establishes the powers and duties of the Public Housing Board. The Public Housing Board has purchasing and procurement powers established for the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency. In addition to the purchasing and procurement powers set forth in the Municipal Code, it is recommended that the Public Housing Board may approve Competitive Proposal Contracts (a/k/a “negotiated procurement”) for the procurement of goods and services submitted by the City Manager or the Director of Housing Services which comply with the procurement policies of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as set forth in HUD procurement handbook No. 7460.8 REV 2. This provision would be used, for example, to evaluate product warranties along with purchase prices.

The purchases of goods and services for the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency are directly related to the safety of our Public Housing residents and the improvements to the units in which they reside. This additional procurement provision will allow the Housing Services Department to enhance the services and security of their housing options.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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