

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 40A

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-464
SEPTEMBER 22, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
1997-98 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM— CONTRACT WITH THE WEITZ COMPANY, INC. ON LABORATORY AND PERSONNEL FACILITIES EXPANSION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD SMITH CITY ENGINEER

SYNOPSIS —

Council authorization is requested for the City Manager to sign Change Order No. 1 to the contract with The Weitz Company, Inc. on the Laboratory and Personnel Facilities Expansion, Work Order No. 0210-97-002.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Funding for this project is included in the adopted 1997-98 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). This amendment increases the agreement by \$14,626.

RECOMMENDATION —

Authorize the City Manager to sign Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement for Engineering Services on the Laboratory and Personnel Facilities Expansion, Work Order No. 210-97-002.

BACKGROUND —

On July 21, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-2483, the City Council authorized and directed the Mayor to execute a contract with The Weitz Company, Inc. for construction of the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority Laboratory and Personnel Facilities Expansion at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Construction began on the laboratory facility in August. After the excavation for the foundation was complete, Terracon Consultants, Inc. was contacted to perform soils testing for the footings. Terracon's recommendation was to either overexcavate beneath the continuous spread footings or to widen the footings to four feet. The footings shown on the plans were two feet wide. There was also a recommendation that additional masonry control joints be placed in the structure to compensate for a structure that was covered with fill and was in the zone of influence for the footings. This work is necessary to ensure the laboratory is not subjected to differential settling that may hinder its intended usage.