

Agenda Item:

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

**GENERAL INFORMATION—**

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**SUBJECT—**

Approving and adopting Addendum No. 3 to the Urban Design Standards for Public Improvements, 2001 Edition, and Addendum No. 5 to the Urban Standard Specifications for Public Improvements, 1998 Edition.

**SYNOPSIS—**

The Urban Design Standards and Urban Standard Specifications for Public Improvements were products of a joint effort by many local jurisdictions to ensure that public improvements will function adequately, reduce maintenance problems, are durable and safe, and most of all, cost effective to the public within each jurisdiction using these design standards and standard specifications.

Since the adoption of the original design standards and standard specifications, several changes have been made necessary due to regulatory changes, changes of materials, improved construction techniques, and changing technology in the construction industry.

**FISCAL IMPACT—**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND—**

On June 4, 2001, by Roll Call 01-1759, the City Council adopted the Urban Design Standards for Public Improvements, 2001 Edition, as the City's design standards. On May 5, 2003, by Roll Call 03-968, the City Council approved Addenda No. 1 and 2 to the Urban Design Standards for Public Improvements.

On March 16, 1998 by Roll Call 98-719, the City Council adopted the Urban Standard Specifications for Public Improvements, 1998 Edition, as the standard specifications to be used for constructing public improvements within the City of Des Moines. On June 21, 1999 by Roll Call 99-2000, the City Council approved Addendum No. 1 to the Urban Standard Specifications for Public Improvements. On June 4, 2001, by Roll Call 01-1759, the City Council approved Addendum No. 2 to the Urban Standard Specifications for Public Improvements. On May 5, 2003, by Roll Call 03-968, the City Council approved Addenda No. 3 and 4 to the Urban Standard Specifications for Public Improvements.

Several other communities in the state of Iowa have expressed interest in utilizing these manuals in their communities, and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IaDOT) has agreed to help develop these manuals on a state-wide basis through the Center of Transportation Research and Education (CTRE), Iowa State University. The manuals have been assigned to CTRE so that they may continue to update these manuals and develop them as documents to be used on a statewide basis for urban construction.