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SUBJECT—

Professional Services Agreement for the Design of Greenhouses

SYNOPSIS—

Approve a Professional Services Agreement with the Larson Architecture, LLC, (Rick Larson, President, 620 40th Street, Des Moines, Iowa) to provide professional design services for greenhouses near the Chesterfield Community Center on Maury Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT—

\$27,900. Funding is available in the Greenhouses at Chesterfield account, No. CP040 PKS990000 PKS161.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

When the Park and Recreation Department vacates the Botanical Center in July 2004, it will lose the ability to grow and provide plants to public groups and organizations. In 2003, 122 public groups were provided with more than 300,000 annual type plants. A completed study has shown

that it is more cost effective for the City to grow and provide the plants than purchase them from outside sources. The new greenhouses will provide 16,000 square feet of controlled environment space and irrigation systems for growing plants year around. In addition, 3,000 square foot head house will be constructed for the purpose of potting plants, storing materials, and providing a staging area work area for staff. The head house will be attached to the greenhouses.

The Park and Recreation Department's presentation of Maintenance Facility Consolidation to City Council on February 16, 2004, included the greenhouses as part of the Chesterfield Maintenance Complex, and they are budgeted as a project on page 12 of the Recommended 2004-5/2009-10 Capital Improvements Program.

Larson Architecture LLC is being recommended as the qualified design firm that has committed to complete construction documents within sixty (60) calendar days. The time frame for the completion of the greenhouse project did not allow sufficient time for a formal RFP process for acquiring these services, nor is such a process of much benefit with this size and scope of project. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-October 2004.