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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SUBJECT—

Professional Services Agreement for an Aquatics Study

### SYNOPSIS—

Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Water's Edge Aquatic Design, (David Swartz, Owner, 9812 Pflumm Road, Lexana, KS 66215), as the consultant to complete an Aquatics Study for three aquatic centers, two swimming pools, and an indoor facility.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

\$42,250 Consulting Fee. Funds have been budgeted and are available in the Capital Improvement Program, CP040 PKS990000 PKS153 (Swimming Pool and Aquatics Improvements)

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

### BACKGROUND—

Des Moines' three aquatic centers – Teachout, Nahas and Northwest were completed over a decade ago. At that time, they were considered to reflect the state-of-the-art in aquatic center

play features and design. Since their opening in 1993, annual attendance and revenues have increased dramatically compared to pre-1993 levels. This study will review the most recent popular amenities being built in new aquatic facilities. Many aquatic customers in today's market prefer the shade from shade structures instead of direct sunlight. The Professional Services Agreement requires the consultant to evaluate the existing infrastructure and market potential of each aquatic center and submit recommendations and cost estimates for possible improvements.

The Agreement also requires the consultant to evaluate the Ashworth and Birdland Swimming Pools and make recommendations for new feature improvements as well as infrastructure improvements. The consultant will also prepare a study concerning the feasibility of the development of an indoor aquatic facility within the city. This study will include a market analysis, project cost projections, and revenue and operating costs projections.

A Request For Proposals (RFP) was issued and six consultants submitted proposals. A four member Evaluation Committee evaluated the consultant's proposals, and agreed that Water's Edge Aquatic Design was the most qualified and responsible bidder. Water's Edge Aquatic Design was the second low bidder.

The 2004-05/2009-10 Capital Improvements Program provides some funding in 2006-07 and 2007-08 for implementing improvements to the pools and aquatic centers. After the Aquatics Study has been completed, the CIP projections for implementing aquatic improvements will be revised.

On February 24, 2004, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Board appointed two members to serve on a citizen advisory committee to assist in identifying future opportunities at the aquatic facilities, and to assist in evaluating consultant's recommendations.