

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AMES INTERMODAL FACILITY LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR INCIDENTAL USE OF PREMISES BY AMES POLICE DEPARTMENT

BACKGROUND:

Construction of the Ames Intermodal Facility was completed in July 2012. Financing for the facility came from a federal TIGER grant given to the Ames Transit Agency (CyRide). At that time CyRide entered into an agreement with the City for the Ames Police Department to share use of the facility's management office with Iowa State University's Parking Division. A joint agreement between the City and Iowa State University specifies that ISU's Parking Division manages the facility. The Ames Police Department agreement was a no cost lease which is now expired.

Occupancy of the management office by the Ames Police Department has strengthened security at the facility and has minimized vandalism. The Police Department uses the space as a satellite office for operations conducted by its Safe Neighborhoods Team.

Shared use of the management office with the Parking Division and Iowa State University has also worked well for both parties. Therefore, no changes to the previous agreement are being recommended by CyRide or the Police Department, with the exception of the length of the agreement and contract date. There is a desire to enter into a longer term, five year lease to reflect the success of the initial arrangement. The previous agreement was for one year with the option of two additional one year extensions.

The proposed contract was reviewed and approved by the Transit Agency Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 28, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a five year, no cost agreement between the Ames Transit Agency and the City of Ames for the Police Department to share use of the Ames Intermodal Facility management office.
2. Approve a one year agreement with two one-year contract extensions.
3. Do not approve an agreement between for shared use of the Ames Intermodal Facility management office.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Safe Neighborhoods Team's presence within the Ames Intermodal Facility during evening and early morning hours has strengthened security at the facility and has provided a substantial benefit for the surrounding neighborhood at no cost for the Police Department's use of this space.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.