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City of Des Moines Finance Committee
August 5, 2002; 3:30 p.m.
Community Development Conference Room

Present: Council Member Maggie Steenrod (chair)
Council Member Richard Benjamin
Council Member Gary Peterson
City Manager Tony Piasecki
Interim Finance Director Dick Scott
Budget Accountant Peggy Watson

Tony distributed an analysis of potential revenue sources. It was not a recommendation, but a vehicle to inform the finance committee of the possibilities.

The committee continued its discussion on expense reductions. It was suggested that a team be used to handle possible salary cuts. There was much discussion on the Police Guild, the Union, and the remaining employees' contracts. The committee would like to see reduction in costs without reducing service levels. Tony will talk with the employee labor groups later this week and update the committee with his findings.

It was also suggested that the city hire consultants to analyze the workforce and efficiencies. Tony will do the research and determine the cost for consultants, but told the committee that we will have to balance the 2003 budget without outside help due to our time frame.

Tony will bring the information on consultants to the next meeting, which will be held on Monday, August 5, 2002, at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room. At this time, the City Manager also will present his Budget Crisis Proposal.

The meeting dates and tentative agendas are as follows:

August 12, 2002	Presentation of City Manager Budget Crisis Proposal
August 19, 2002	Review and discussion on proposal
August 26, 2002	Presentation of Comm. Dev. Econ. Devel. Proposal
September 2, 2002	Labor Day; no meeting
September 9, 2002	To be determined