CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kara Tragesser, AICP

DATE: February 8, 2016

RE: Item # 6b: Amendment to City Code – Self-Storage Facilities

Staff Recommendation: Defer the public hearing for the amendment to city code to the City Council's March 7, 2016, meeting.

The Plan & Zoning Commission denied a city sponsored amendment to city code to modify the regulations for self-storage. The proposed ordinance allowed indoor self-storage in the office zoning districts, established performance standards for interior access self-storage (indoor self-storage), and modified performance standards for exterior-access self-storage (traditional mini-warehousing).

Since the Plan and Zoning Commission denied the proposed ordinance, the ordinance must receive a minimum of four approval votes of the City Council to pass. It not expected to have all five City Council members present until at least the March 7, 2016 meeting. Therefore, staff is requesting that the public hearing be deferred to March 7, 2016, for consideration by the City Council.

c. Tom Hadden, City Manager
Dick Scieszinski, City Attorney
Lynne Twedt, Development Services Director