



**Roll Call Number**

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**Date** May 6, 2024

**RECEIVE AND FILE COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY MANAGER  
REGARDING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ARGONNE ARMORY AT 602  
ROBERT D. RAY DRIVE**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines owns the property at 602 Robert D. Ray Drive (“Site”), which Site is currently occupied by several City departments, including Neighborhood Services, Development Services, Information Technology, Facilities, and the Litigation Division of the Legal Department; and

WHEREAS, the City has purchased the property at 1200 Locust Street, and the City anticipates vacating the Argonne Armory and relocating the departments set forth above to the 1200 Locust Street property; and

WHEREAS, said City relocation will make way for a new occupant to redevelop the Site; and

WHEREAS, Christensen Development (Jake Christensen, President, 215 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 300, Des Moines, IA 50309) (“Developer”), on behalf of the Des Moines Performing Arts organization (Jeff Chelesvig, President & CEO, 211 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309), has approached the City Manager’s Office with interest in redeveloping the Site with the main facility for youth programs offered by Des Moines Performing Arts.

WHEREAS, the City Manager requests City Council direction staff to work with the Developer to refine the projects’ programming, design, and financial proposal and present preliminary terms of the developer-initiated proposal to the City Council at a later date.

WHEREAS, prior to any acceptance of such proposal, there will also be an opportunity for competing proposals for the Site to be submitted and considered by the City Council pursuant to Iowa Code §403.8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. The communication from the City Manager regarding the Developer’s proposal for redevelopment of the Site is hereby received and filed.
2. City staff are hereby directed to work with the Developer to refine the projects’ programming, design, and financial proposal in anticipation of future actions to be considered by City Council for such proposal at a later date.



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MOVED by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Lisa A. Wieland

Lisa A. Wieland
Assistant City Attorney

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MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk