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RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE CITY TO PROCEED WITH THE 1200 LOCUST STREET PROJECT, INCLUDING DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR POTENTIAL USES FOR THE EXISTING CITY HALL

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has for years been reviewing existing municipal facilities in order to improve efficiencies and synergies in City operations in providing customer service while at the same time minimizing the costs of such services to residents and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the existing City Hall facility is no longer sufficient to meet present or long-term needs of the City residents or City staff; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation of the existing facility was considered, and it was determined that such action would be cost-prohibitive, largely inefficient from a staffing and collaborative standpoint and not in the best interest of the City, its residents or its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, because of the layout of City Hall, there is an ongoing and continuous challenge in providing adequate security to the facility and staff; and

WHEREAS, the layout of City Hall provides poor customer service for community members; and

WHEREAS, the city is utilizing significant energy to heat and condition the space and require additional resources to maintain and operate the inefficient and dated building; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Des Moines to provide a safe, accessible, inclusive, and productive City Hall space for staff and community members as soon as is practicable; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager should be authorized and directed to solicit and receive requests for interest in repurposing City Hall, should accumulate all such indications of interest and then provide a report back to the City Council regarding possibilities and potentialities for repurposing the facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager seeks guidance as to how to proceed with the new City building located at 1200 Locust Street.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, as follows:

- 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to solicit requests for interest in repurposing both the City Hall and the Argonne Armory from prospective, capable Developers, to include development opportunities, uses, financing and revenue generation.
2. That upon receipt of such indications of interest, the City Manager shall report back to the City Council with identification of objectives, highlights of potential projects and issues associated therewith and concepts for revenues and costs attendant to each potential project.
3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to proceed with design plans and interior buildout of 1200 Locust Street as he deems necessary in the best interest of the City and regularly report the status to the City Council.

(Council Communication No. 24 - 204 )

Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto.

FORM APPROVED:

[Signature of Jeffrey D. Lester]

Jeffrey D. Lester
City Attorney

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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

[Signature of Connie Boeser] Mayor

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.

[Signature of Laura Baumgartner] City Clerk