

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-441
OCTOBER 7, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
RELEASE OF GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT TO BILLIE WADE FOR DISPOSITION PARCEL NO. 152A	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	SCOTT STRICKER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR

SYNOPSIS —

On the October 7, 1996, Council agenda is a roll call to authorize release of the good faith deposit to Billie Wade for Disposition Parcel No. 152A/Logan Urban Renewal Area.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the release of the good faith deposit in the amount of \$450 plus accrued interest.

BACKGROUND —

On May 20, 1996, the City Council initially accepted Billie Wade's developer-initiated proposal to purchase Disposition Parcel No. 152A (1363 E. Stewart Street) in the Logan Urban Renewal Area for the construction of a 900-square-foot, stick-built, single-family, ranch-style house. The Council set July 1, 1996 as the date of public hearing to enter into an Urban Renewal Purchase Agreement for Residential Construction. The public hearing was not held, and the agreement was not executed by the City because Ms. Wade did not submit final design plans and evidence of financing in order to complete the land sale.

On September 17, 1996, Billie Wade sent a letter to the Economic Development Division requesting the return of her good faith deposit. She had encountered numerous problems with her contractors and escalating costs for the house she intended to construct.

Staff recommends approval of returning the good faith deposit in the amount of \$450 and any accrued interest to Billie Wade. She has proceeded in good faith to accomplish the project, but could not complete it at this time.