

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-533  
DECEMBER 16, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
SKYWALK AGREEMENT AND LIMITED SKYWALK EASEMENTS—EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAEMS A. THOMPSON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS —**

On March 24, 1994, the City entered into a Contract for Sale of Land for Private Redevelopment with Employers Mutual Casualty Companies for an Urban Renewal Redevelopment Project on the block bounded by Seventh, Eighth, Walnut, and Mulberry Streets. This contract provided, in part, that the City and Employers Mutual Casualty Companies shall execute a Skywalk Agreement to enable extension of the Skywalk System from the redevelopment parcel to the west. Such a Skywalk Agreement has now been negotiated and recommended for approval by the Skywalk Commission at their December 11, 1996, meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND —**

On March 16, 1994, the Skywalk Commission approved a request by Employers Mutual Casualty Companies (EMC) to remove and reconstruct the skywalk bridges serving the block bounded by Seventh, Eighth, Walnut, and Mulberry Streets as a part of an urban renewal project. As a part of that approval, EMC agreed to provide an inchoate skywalk easement from the north/south skywalk corridor within their project to the east line of Eighth Street and agreed to construct that corridor under defined circumstances.

On March 24, 1994, by Roll Call No. 94-1122, Council approved a Contract for Sale of Land for Private Redevelopment between the City and EMC for the said urban renewal project. This contract provided, in part, that the City and EMC shall execute a Skywalk Agreement to enable extension of the Skywalk System from the redevelopment parcel to the west as required by the Skywalk Commission.

A Standard Skywalk Agreement has now been negotiated with Employers Mutual Casualty Company that contains special provisions addressing the issues required by the Skywalk Commission and the Contract for Sale of Land for Private Redevelopment. The Skywalk Commission, at their December 11, 1996, meeting, approved this Skywalk Agreement and recommended that it be submitted to the Council for final approval.