



Council Communication No. 97-284

SYNOPSIS –

Offer to purchase excess City-owned property in the vicinity of 2411 E. 36th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT –

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION –

Reject Offer to Purchase excess City-owned property from Charlene Mae Simmons, 6901 SE 14th Street, Lot 308, Des Moines, Iowa 50320. Offer is for the purchase of Lots 884 and 885, Four Mile, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

BACKGROUND –

On March 17, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-823, the Des Moines City Council, upon recommendation of City Plan and Zoning Commission, resolved to rezone the following property legally described as: Lots 881 through 885, Four Mile, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, from “ U-1” Flood Plain District to an “ R1-60” , in accordance with an application of Charlene Mae Simmons and her son, Cornelius Banks. The property, Lots 881, 882 and 883, Four Mile, are owned by Mr. Banks, and he has a home on the property. Charlene Simmons has requested the purchase of Lots 884 and 885, Four Mile, so that she can place a “ modular” home on her lots as her residence.

On May 14, 1997, the City’ s Property Management Coordinator received a fax communication from Charlene Simmons offering to purchase the City-owned lots for \$900 each for a total of \$1,800.

A review of the comparable sales (attached) and Auditor’ s and Assessor’ s records conducted by the Engineering Right-of-Way Division and the Property Management Coordinator, resulted in a recommendation of estimated value of these lots at \$2,500 each.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Engineering Department that the Offer to Purchase these properties be rejected.

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