

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-566

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 20, 1999

A public hearing, as required by State law, will be held at the December 20, 1999, Council meeting on the proposed acquisition of property located at 107 Jefferson Street (Central Place Urban Renewal Area).

SUBJECT:

HEARING ON
ACQUISITION OF
PROPERTY/CENTRAL
PLACE URBAN
RENEWAL AREA

The public hearing and the required public notice were authorized by the Council at its November 15, 1999, meeting. At the December 6, 1999, Council meeting, the owners of the property, the local branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers, spoke at the Council meeting and requested the property be acquired voluntarily without use of condemnation.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

The roll call for this item provides for voluntary acquisition of the property and that eminent domain is not authorized for its acquisition.

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBMITTED BY:

RICHARD A. CLARK
DEPUTY CITY
MANAGER

The offer to purchase will be brought to .Council after receipt of the independent appraisals to set fair market value.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

On November 15, 1999, a Council resolution set the date of public hearing on the proposed acquisition of property located at 107 Jefferson Avenue (Central Place Urban Renewal Area) for the December 20, 1999, Council meeting.

This property was proposed for acquisition, using eminent domain if a negotiated settlement was not possible. The purpose of the acquisition is to create a larger redevelopment parcel for Central Place. The larger parcel would be of sufficient size for a 30-40,000 sq. ft. building and truck drives on the parcel (rather than having vehicle maneuvering in the street).

The property owner, the local branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers, was provided with notice of the public hearing as required by the new state law on using eminent domain. Russell Vonk, representing the property owner, spoke at the December 6, 1999, Council meeting. Mr. Vonk requested that eminent domain not be used to acquire the property. Mayor Daniels indicated he would favorably consider this request.

On the Council agenda is a roll call authorizing voluntary acquisition of the property and directing eminent domain is not authorized for its acquisition.