

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**00-464**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**  
  
OCTOBER 2, 2000

On the October 2, 2000, Council agenda is a roll call approving an agreement between the City and The Graham Group, Inc., wherein The Graham Group commits to provide future easements necessary for the City or its assigns to construct, operate, and maintain a skywalk corridor across and adjacent to property owned by The Graham Group.

**SUBJECT:**  
  
AGREEMENT WITH  
GRAHAM GROUP,  
INC. FOR FUTURE  
SKYWALK  
CORRIDOR  
EASEMENTS

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

This agreement does not change the monetary obligations by the City or The Graham Group under previous agreements. The Graham Group, Inc. is obligated to reimburse to the City costs it may incur associated with the future acquisition of easements covered under this agreement and necessary to construct the proposed skywalk corridor.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**BACKGROUND -**

RICHARD CLARK  
DEPUTY CITY  
MANAGER

On May 15, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-1483, the City Council approved an agreement with The Graham Group for the purchase of properties in the Allied Gateway Campus Project and for the sale of vacated alley. That agreement obligated The Graham Group to provide the City necessary easements for the City or its assigns to potentially construct a skywalk corridor south of Locust Street over the vacated east/west alley east of 9th Street and the east/west alley right-of-way between 9th and 10th Street.

The City does not have design plans for the proposed skywalk corridor at this time. The Graham Group is unable to fulfill its obligations for provision of easements until design plans are

completed. The agreement before Council allows The Graham Group to satisfy its obligation by committing to the provision of future easements when presented by the City, or its assigns, design plans for the proposed skywalk corridor.

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