

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-275

AGENDA:

JUNE 23, 2003

SUBJECT:

SET DATE OF
HEARING FOR
SEVENTH
AMENDMENT/METRO
CENTER URBAN
RENEWAL PLAN

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

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CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

SYNOPSIS —

On the June 23, 2003 Council agenda is a resolution to set July 28, 2003 as the date of public hearing on the proposed Seventh Amendment to the Metro Center Urban Renewal Plan.

The Seventh Amendment provides for text changes throughout the document to reflect the adoption of the previous amendment (Sixth Amendment), incorporates design guidelines for the Eastern Gateway area, updates text concerning the neighborhood organizations located in the urban renewal area, and revises the Financial Condition Report.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A. The proposed amendment is enabling and as such, does not represent commitment of funds.

RECOMMENDATION —

Council to set date for the public hearing on the Seventh Amendment to the Metro Center Plan for its July 28 meeting.

BACKGROUND —

The Seventh Amendment provides for the following changes:

1. Replace the maps contained in the previously adopted plan with the following maps:
 - Existing Zoning Map (Map 2) has been revised to reflect the currently adopted zoning map.
 - Proposed Land Use Plan Map (Map 3) shows the Riverpoint West area (generally located south of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway between SW 9th Street to the Raccoon River levee) as Industrial: an amendment to the City's adopted comprehensive plan proposes to change the area to High Density Residential/Limited Commercial use from its current classification.

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- Acquisition Parcels Map (Map 4) has been amended to show an acquisition parcel (03-1) located on the south side of the 300 block of East Grand Avenue.
 - Disposition Map (Map 5) has been amended to show the creation of a disposition parcel (03-1) located on the south side of the 300 block of East Grand Avenue that includes Acquisition Parcel 03-1 and a surface parking lot owned by the City of Des Moines.
 - Public Facilities Map (Map 7) has been amended to delete a public parking facility located at SW 3rd and Market Streets.
 - City of Des Moines' Recognized Neighborhoods (Map 8) has been revised to show the addition of the Downtown neighborhood and the removal of the Capital View South neighborhood.
2. Update the Western Gateway (Appendix A) with the recently adopted plan graphic and delete the previously adopted graphic included in the plan with Appendix A.
 3. Add the recently adopted Eastern Gateway Design standards that will be used to evaluate project utilizing the Metro Center Urban Renewal Plan, as Appendix B.

The Financial Condition Report has been updated to reflect adoption of a 28E Agreement with Polk County for funding the City's contribution to the Polk County Events Center and the proposed funding for the Gateway project.

