

Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date: June 11, 2012

Agenda Item No. 23

Roll Call No. 12-0885 Communication No. 12-306

Submitted by: Richard A. Clark, City

Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

On conveyance by installment contract of 1740 Garfield Avenue (Logan Community Center) to Joshua Christian Academy, Inc., \$100,000. (6-25-2012)

SYNOPSIS:

This action is only setting the date for the public hearing on the request by Joshua Christian Academy, Inc. to purchase the Logan Community Center located at 1740 Garfield Avenue. Staff is working, as the Council directed, to prepare information related to this site as the possible location for the Housing Services Department. This "setting date of hearing" is in response to the school's timing needs.

Staff is preparing site and building analysis and information on the potential reuse of the Logan Community Center as a location for the consolidation of Housing Services Department operations. This information will be ready for Council prior to a decision on the schools request to purchase the property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: To be determined in sale negotiations

Funding Source: Private source

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On April 27, 2012 the Joshua Christian Academy (JCA) Board of Directors submitted a letter to the City Manager proposing to purchase the City's Logan Community Center (Logan) for the learning academy's use as a school facility. The proposal was the culmination of a series of meetings between the JCA and City staff that was initiated by Council Member Bob Mahaffey, who asked City staff to contact Chris Hurley, President of the Board of JCA, regarding Logan. JCA desires to acquire the property soon, in order to make necessary renovations prior to the start of the 2012/13 school year.

At the May 7, 2012 Council meeting the action was approved to refer the sale request to the City Manager for review and recommendation. The Council also requested review of the Logan site as a potential location for the consolidation of the Housing Services Department.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 7, 2012

Roll Call Number: 12-0743

Action: Receipt of proposal from the Joshua Christian Academy to purchase the Logan Community Center, 1740 Garfield Avenue. (Council Communication No. 12-232) Moved by Mahaffey to receive and file such proposal and refer to the City Manager to negotiate an Offer to Purchase Logan Community Center with the Joshua Christian Academy and to authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to obtain a building set back variance; refer to the City Manager to work with all interested parties and the neighborhood on options for the building including use by the Housing Services Department. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: September 12, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-1584

<u>Action</u>: City Manager to negotiate a short-term lease with Life Line Youth Foundation for space at Logan Community Center. (<u>Council Communication No. 11-594</u>). Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: February 14, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-0260

<u>Action</u>: Termination of Lease and Management Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa for Logan Community Center effective February 28, 2011. (<u>Council Communication No. 11-072</u>). Moved by Mahaffey to adopt; refer to City Manager to consider options for use of the building. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Zoning Board of Adjustment

<u>Date</u>: May 23, 2012

Resolution Number: ZON 2012-00081

<u>Action</u>: Variance of the setbacks; that any school within a Residential zoning district shall be setback at least 35 feet from any property line, to allow division of the property into two parcels to allow sale of the western portion of the property, including the 2-story structure, for a school use, is granted so long as any renovation of the building is in compliance with current Building Codes with issuance of any necessary permits by the Permit and Development Center. The foregoing Decision and Order was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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