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	Agenda Item No.	42
	Roll Call No.	<u>12-1378</u>
	Communication No.	<u>12-448</u>
	Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Continuance of hearing for sale of excess City-owned property located northeast of NE 80th Street and NE 126th Avenue to Polk County, Iowa.

SYNOPSIS:

Continuance of public hearing for sale of excess City-owned Property located northeast of NE 80th Street and NE 126th Avenue to Polk County, Iowa to September 10, 2012. A public hearing is required by Iowa law prior to making a final determination on the proposed sale by resolution. There is no current or future City or Des Moines Airport Authority need for this property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$235,815 (Revenue)

Funding Source: The proceeds from the sale of this property will be paid to the Des Moines Airport Authority.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In 2007, the City used airport funds to purchase approximately 60 acres of land along the Skunk River in eastern Polk County to be used to mitigate for the taking of wetlands for the Runway 13R/31L project at the Des Moines International Airport. At the time it was purchased, the property would have been large enough to mitigate for all wetlands taken. However, after the purchase, the Army Corps of Engineers adopted new rules increasing the mitigation ratios and making this property insufficiently large and economically impractical for the mitigation. The property is adjacent to the Polk County Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt area and the County, through the Polk County Conservation Board, has offered to purchase the property at a price of \$208,200, which is equal to the City's (now the Des Moines Airport Authority's) cost to acquire the property. In addition, the County has agreed to pay \$27,615.00 to reimburse the City for its incidental and labor costs incurred in purchasing the property. Because the City owns the underlying title to the property, the City Council must approve the sale even though the Authority will receive the proceeds. At its August 14, 2012 meeting, the Airport Authority Board, by Resolution A12-105, recommended the sale of the property.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 13, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1248](#)

Action: [On](#) sale of excess city-owned property northeast of NE 80th Street and NE 126th Avenue to Polk County, \$208,200, (8-27-12). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Airport Authority Board

Date: August 14, 2012

Resolution Number: A12-105

Action: Recommend sale of property adjacent to the Polk County Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt area. The Polk County Conservation Board has offered to purchase the property for \$208,200 plus pay \$27,615.00 to reimburse the City's (now Authority's) costs incurred in purchasing the property. Ms. Levy moved to recommend that City Council approve the sale of this city-owned property. Motion carried: 4-0-0-1 Yeas: Erickson, Feldmann, Levy, and Ward Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Hansell

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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