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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 58 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>14-997</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>14-297</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Matthew A. Anderson, Assistant City Manager

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Resolution of support for the Wellmark YMCA’s application for a Vision Iowa Grant and Approval of a contribution to the Wellmark YMCA’s capital campaign.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The YMCA of Greater Des Moines (YMCA) is submitting an application to the Vision Iowa grant program to help close the gap in funding the new Wellmark YMCA in downtown. This action provides support for their application and funding for building the new Wellmark YMCA.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$10,000

Funding Source: Economic Development Enterprise Account: Org. Code CM025033

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

After extensive considerations of their options for updating their fitness facilities, in 2012, the YMCA made the decision to relocate from their 57 year old Riverfront YMCA facility to the shuttered Polk County Convention Complex. The high bay, free span, skywalk-connected building provided the quality and quantity of space conducive to the fitness programs offered by the downtown YMCA. The adjoining vacant lot provided a site for a 50-meter (Olympic-sized) swimming pool and stadium seating for 1,500, a program that is currently missing from the metro Des Moines market. In 2013, the building and site were secured for the new Wellmark YMCA in a historic three-way land deal that included the YMCA of Greater Des Moines, Polk County, and Wellmark. The City of Des Moines supported the project by vacating and conveying alleys intersecting the site.

The new Wellmark YMCA will include: an indoor 50-meter pool capable of hosting major aquatic events, wellness center equipped with free weights, strength and cardio equipment, an 1/8-mile indoor track, eight (8) handball/racquetball courts and two (2) squash courts, six (6) locker rooms including special needs and family changing rooms, three (3) exercise studios, indoor cycling studio, and meeting and community rooms. The facility is connected via the downtown skywalk system to 50,000 plus employees and residents and includes parking in an existing City-owned ramp with skywalk access.

The project has been designated as a High-Performance Elite Triathlon Training Center by the U.S. Triathlon Association, the second of its kind in the country. The \$30 million project is currently under

construction; the fitness center is slated for early 2015 completion and the opening of the pool is planned for spring/summer 2015.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 24, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1023](#), [13-1024](#) and [13-1025](#)

Action: [On](#) vacation and conveyance of a portion of north/south and east/west alley right-of-way adjoining 501 Grand Avenue to Polk County, \$1. ([Council Communication No. 13-319](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) [First](#) consideration of ordinance above. Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by Polk County), requires six votes. Moved by Hensley that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#15,199](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: December 9, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1932](#), [13-1933](#) and [13-1934](#)

Action: [On](#) vacation of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Grand Avenue right-of-way and of air space over Grand Avenue and 6th Avenue right-of-way adjoining 505 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and for conveyance of easements to the Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Des Moines (YMCA), \$1,000. ([Council Communication No. 13-593](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) [First](#) consideration of ordinance above. Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) Final consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by the applicant), requires six votes. Moved by Hensley that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#15,245](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Urban Design Review Board

Date: February 18, 2014

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: A consensus of the members present recommended approval of the project design and that the development team work with City staff on the comments of the Board to proceed with the project.

Board: Plan and Zoning Commission

Date: November 7, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Approved vacation of air rights at 6<sup>th</sup> and Grand Avenues.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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