 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date:	March 7, 2016
	Agenda Item No.	55
	Roll Call No.	<u>16-0425</u>
	Communication No.	<u>16-119</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hold hearing for conveyance of City-owned property located at 226 East Holcomb Avenue to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for \$4,500.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of conveyance of City-owned property located at 226 East Holcomb Avenue to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, Inc., 2200 East Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50317, for \$4,500. This action is required by Iowa law prior to making a final determination on the proposed sale by resolution. The sale of the City’s property will allow the buyer to construct affordable residential housing on the parcel. There is no current or anticipated public need for this property, and this conveyance will eliminate future maintenance and liability costs for the City and will return the property to the tax rolls.

FISCAL IMPACT:

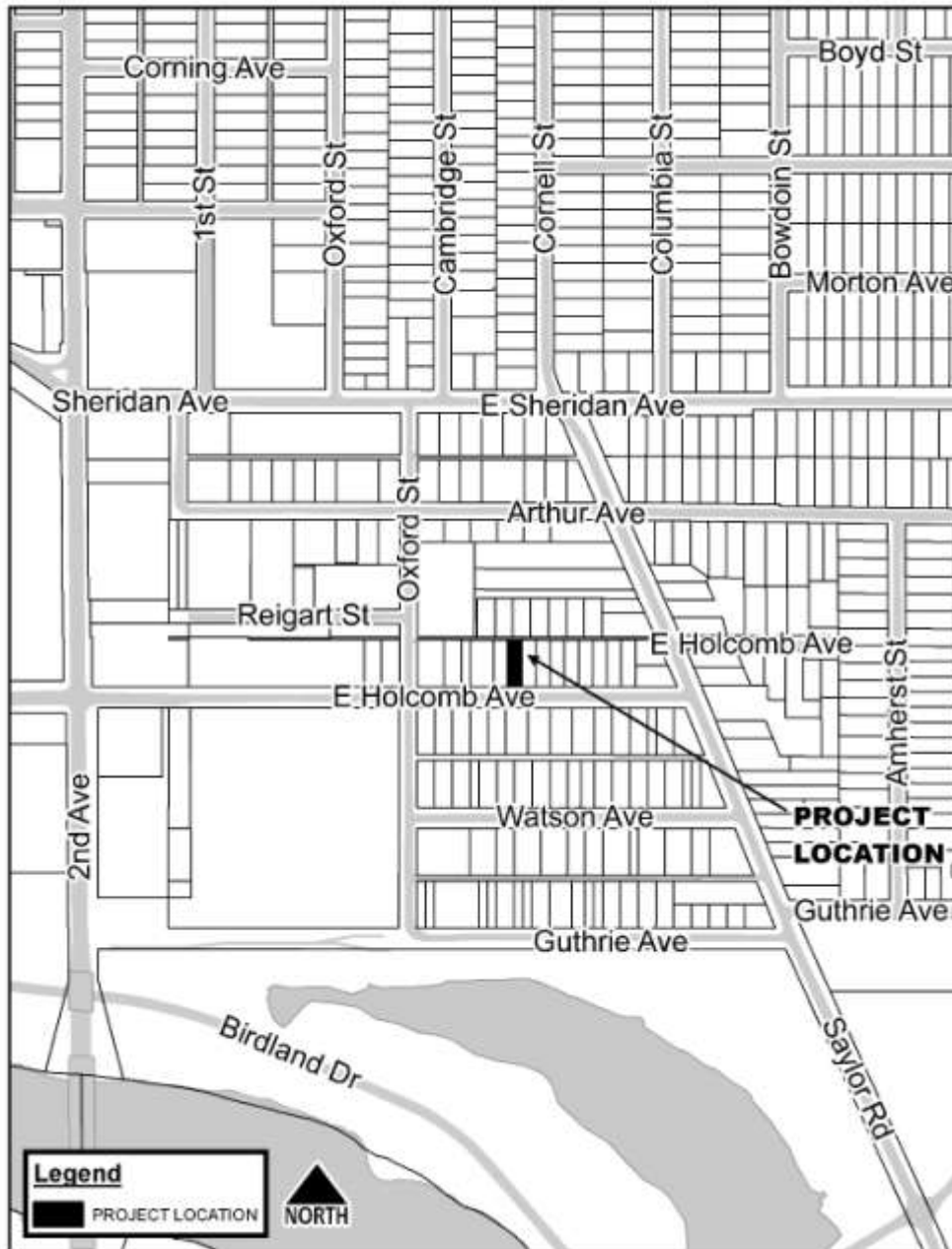
Amount: \$4,500 (Revenue)

Funding Source: Non-project related land sale proceeds are used to support general operating budget expenses: Org – EG064090

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On November 8, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-4183, the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, approved the acquisition of 226 East Holcomb Avenue as part of the Voluntary Acquisition Program of Residences (VAPOR) voluntary flood buyout program. The specific funds used to acquire properties in the Birdland area did not have any redevelopment or sale restrictions, as it was the City’s intent to redevelop the Birdland area after levee improvements were made.
- The Army Corps of Engineers rebuilt the levee to bring flood protection in Birdland Park up to current standards. This work was completed in November 2011.
- On January 12, 2015, by Roll Call No. 15-0043, the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa approved and adopted the Birdland Area Redevelopment Plan as an element of the Des Moines 2020 Community Character Land Use Plan.

- Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, Inc., an Iowa non-profit corporation, has offered to the City the purchase price of \$4,500 for the purchase of 226 East Holcomb Avenue for construction of new residential housing, which price reflects the fair market value of said property, as determined by the City's Real Estate Division. This conveyance will eliminate future maintenance and liability costs for the City and will return the property to the tax rolls with affordable housing.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: February 22, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-0274](#)

Action: [On](#) conveyance of 226 E. Holcomb Avenue to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, Inc., \$4,500, (3-7-16). Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Plan and Zoning Commission

Date: December 18, 2014

Resolution Number: [21-2014-4.13](#)

Action: [Recommend](#) that the Des Moines' 2020 Community Character Plan be amended to incorporate the Birdland Area Redevelopment Plan as an element.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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