

Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 4

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Communication No. 18-370

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Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the City Manager to develop and implement a limited administrative plan for the voluntary property acquisition of certain one (1) and two (2) family residential flood damaged properties on a not to exceed basis.

SYNOPSIS:

This action authorizes the City Manager to develop and implement a limited voluntary property buyout project for one (1) and two (2) family residential properties that incurred substantial structural damage, are located in the floodplain (as determined by the Polk County 2018 Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps), or are located where opportunity exists to decrease or eliminate long-term, adverse impacts to public infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Not to exceed \$6.5 million.

<u>Funding Source</u>: General Fund to be partially reimbursed by other appropriate revenue sources.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Des Moines and the surrounding suburbs experienced unprecedented storm events with significant flash flooding during the month of June 2018. This resulted in substantial damage to both private property and public infrastructure within the community. The City of Des Moines, with assistance from Polk County and surrounding municipal agencies, has completed storm damage assessments.
- It is the intent of this action to enable the City Manager to establish a program that will seek voluntary acquisition of one (1) and two (2) family residential properties in the City of Des Moines that meet the following criteria:
 - o Have incurred substantial structural damage.
 - Are in the floodplain (as determined by the Polk County 2018 Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps).
 - Offer the opportunity to decrease or eliminate long-term, adverse impacts to public infrastructure in specific areas of the community.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

City Manager's Office will seek potential partners to lessen the financial burden of the program.

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