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Date May 24, 2010

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICES (CISS) TO ACQUIRE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, SOUTH OF THE 1400 BLOCK OF MULBERRY, FOR A HOMELESS SHELTER

WHEREAS, homelessness in Des Moines is on the increase with many individuals living on the street, in emergency shelters and transitional housing, or places not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, providing adequate emergency shelter services for the homeless population is an urgent need of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has recently received a letter from Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS), a homeless services provider, expressing CISS' interest in acquiring City-owned real property directly south of CISS' current location on Mulberry Street, in lieu of completing acquisition of the property on Keosauqua Way that CISS is currently acquiring from the City by contract approved by the City Council on March 9, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-410; and

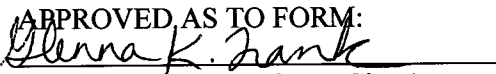
WHEREAS, on May 20, 2010, the Homeless Coordinating Council approved a resolution recommending that the City of Des Moines work with CISS for the proposed development of their new shelter at the Mulberry Street location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the above-described letter of request from CISS is hereby received and filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution approved by the Homeless Coordinating Council is hereby received and filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to proceed with the development and site preparation for the new central fire station on this parcel and proceed with the design of Mulberry Street for paving between 13th and 15th Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized and directed to develop a proposal on CISS' request to acquire City-owned real property south of CISS' current location on Mulberry Street, and to return to Council for further action on said proposal.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

MOVED BY _____ to adopt.
(Council Communication No. 10-307)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

_____ Mayor

_____ City Clerk



**Homeless Coordinating Council
Roll Call Number**

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Date May 20, 2010.....

**RECOMMENDING THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL WORK WITH
CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICES ON MAKING LAND AVAILABLE ON
MULBERRY STREET, JUST SOUTH OF THEIR EXISTING SHELTER, FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR NEW SHELTER FORMERLY PROPOSED FOR
KEOSAUQUA WAY**

WHEREAS, homelessness in Des Moines is on the increase with many individuals living on the street, in emergency shelters and transitional housing, or places not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we continue to work together on a long-term strategy to address homelessness, make the best use of the available resources, and ensure that implementation occurs in a manner that is coordinated and effective by the many agencies and organizations involved in providing services to the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, coordination and collaboration at the local level is essential to guide our efforts and to maximize the use of our collective funding; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2010 the Homeless Coordinating Council was established by a joint resolution by the Polk County Board of Supervisors and the Des Moines City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Coordinating Council will be charged with the development of a long-term plan designed to eliminate homelessness, identification of a clear set of policies and objectives designed to guide annual funding allocations, and review and improve the existing service delivery system and identify steps to ensure and oversee the efficient delivery of services for the homeless. In addition, priority will be given to developing housing alternatives for the numerous camps that exist today along our rivers and in isolated areas around the community; and

WHEREAS, providing adequate emergency shelter services for the homeless population is a need of our community and is urgently needed, and

WHEREAS, the current timeline for construction of the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at their site on Keosauqua Way will not meet the needs of the community.



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WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Homeless Coordinating Council the proposed site on Mulberry Street for the new Central Iowa Shelter & Services emergency shelter will provide this needed resource for our community and in a shorter timeframe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Homeless Coordinating Council to recommend to the City of Des Moines City Council to work with the Central Iowa Shelter & Services to make land available on Mulberry Street, just south of their existing shelter, for the development of their new shelter formerly proposed on Keosauqua Way.

MOVED by Mayor Cownie to adopt and recommend the City expedite the sale of the land for the construction of the shelter to begin as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hensley.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BROWNELL	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
CONNOLLY	✓			
COWNIE	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Clark,

The Board of Directors of Central Iowa Shelter & Services has taken a considerable amount of time to look at the hurdles in our way to build a new shelter at Keo Way.

Due to the unknown length of the lawsuits and the cost of litigation the Board has voted to pursue a new site for the project. It is our understanding that the land just south of our current location on Mulberry is owned by the City of Des Moines. We would like to know if the City of Des Moines would be willing to sell the 3 acres that are south of our current site to Central Iowa Shelter & Services. This new site would allow us sufficient room to build and operate a larger facility to better serve the homeless and our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


 Tony Timm
 Executive Director