

★ **Roll Call Number**

Agenda Item Number

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July 13, 2009

Date _____

Request from Odell McGhee and Romonda Belcher-Ford, to speak regarding vacating and closure of E. First Street between Walnut and Court, to create "A Monumental Journey" working monument and plaza as part of the Principal Riverwalk.

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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.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

From: councilSpeak@dmgov.org
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 10:33 AM
To: dorybriles@gmail.com
Subject: Request to Speak
Attachments: Des Moines_City_Council_July_13_2009.doc

Registration Form to Speak at City Council Meeting

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Des Moines, IA
C/O City Clerk

I/We *Odell McGhee and Romonda Belcher-Ford*, hereby request permission to speak at the Des Moines City Council Meeting of *Monday, July 13, 2009*, regarding

Vacating and closure of East 1st Street between Walnut Street and Court Avenue for the purpose of creating "A Monumental Journey" working monument and plaza as part of the Principal Riverwalk.

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Procedural Rules of Des Moines City Council

Part III. Agenda

Rule 16. Citizen Agenda Requests.

Any citizen may request the right to have an item placed on the Agenda (including a request to speak) by filing such request in writing with the City Clerk prior to noon on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting.

Part V. Citizen Participation

Rule 27. Citizen's Right to Address Council.

Persons other than Council Members shall be permitted to address the Council only upon specific Agenda Items.

Rule 28. Manner of Addressing Council.

A person desiring to address the Council shall step to the podium, state his or her name, address, and group affiliation (if any) and speak clearly into the microphone.

Rule 29. Time Limit on Citizen's Remarks.

Citizens shall be limited to five minutes speaking time per item, unless additional time is granted by the presiding officer. Total citizen input on any subject under Council consideration can be limited to a fixed period by the presiding officer. A majority vote of the Council may extend the time limitations of this rule.

“A Monumental Journey”

Monument and Free Speech Platform Planned in Honor of the National Bar Association

The Iowa National Bar Association and the Steering Committee of “A Monumental Journey” submit a request for consideration to the Des Moines City Council for the vacating and closing of East 1st Street between Walnut and Court Avenue.

“A Monumental Journey” is an exciting project to recognize the founders of the National Bar Association. This organization was founded in Des Moines, Iowa in 1925, at a time when the American Bar Association and other national legal associations denied African American lawyers membership based on race.

The monument will be a “working monument” incorporating the language of the First Amendment and a speakers’ platform where the voices of all citizens in the community may be heard. It is believed the Free Speech Platform would be only the third of its kind in the U. S.

The closure of this portion of the street has the verbal support of the Riverfront Development Authority. There is also verbal support from representatives of the Federal Government, those occupying the only buildings on that segment of the street. The closure is needed to accommodate the size and layout of the plaza and monument.