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Agenda Item Number 35

Date October 10, 2011

Communication from Lillis, O'Malley, Olson, Manning, Pose and VanDike, LLP 317 6th Avenue, Suite 300, regarding Waterfront Lodging, Inc. proposal.

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<u>Via Hand Delivery</u> Mr. Richard Clark City Manager City Hall 400 Robert D. Ray Drive Des Moines, IA 50309-1891

> Re: Riverfront Associates, L.P. - Waterfront Lodging, Inc. (Patel) -Hampton Inn

Dear Rick:

As you know, we have asked to be placed upon the City of Des Moines Council agenda for the upcoming council meeting on October 10, 2011. The purpose of our request is to determine whether the council will support the project that our client has proposed and whether the City will agree to enter into a Development Agreement so that this project may proceed.

Understanding the importance of the meeting with the City Council on October 10, 2011, Ravi Patel, as the representative for Waterfront Lodging, Inc. has asked me to reduce to writing the commitments that Waterfront Lodging, Inc. is willing to make in order to make this hotel project a reality. These commitments are:

- 1. <u>Location</u>. Enclosed with this letter and marked as Exhibit "A" is the City block where the hotel project would be constructed. S.W. Water Street is located on the east, Market Street to the south, S.W. 2nd Street to the West and Vine Street to the north.
- 2. <u>Hotel</u>. Provided that the client and the City can agree to a Development Agreement as outlined in our letter to you of October 3, 2011, Waterfront Lodging, Inc. will build a six story building with up to 129 rooms. We have enclosed and marked as Exhibit "B", "B-1 and "B-2" are the exterior elevations of

the Hampton Des Moines River Front. Please note that on Exhibits "B-1" and "B-2" the recommendations from the Architectural Design Board have been added.

- 3. <u>Minimum Assessment Agreement</u>. As a part of the Development Agreement between the developer and the City, the developer would agree to a minimum assessment of \$6,000,000.00 which would equate to approximately \$240,000.00 in property taxes per year. Pursuant to a Development Agreement, those property taxes paid in by the developer and redistributed over a 15-year period, with 75% of the taxes returned to the developer and 25% of the tax revenue retained by the City of Des Moines.
- 4. **Parking**. Enclosed with this letter and marked as Exhibit "C", is a landscape architecture plan which reflects the minimum number of parking spaces which the Hampton Inn Suites will allow. Further, we have attempted to use permeable pavers for a portion of the parking rather than asphalt.
- 5. <u>Ground Floor Plan</u>. Enclosed with this letter and marked as Exhibit "D" is a copy of the site plan, the ground floor plan along with the plans for the additional stories for the hotel. These documents are marked as A1.1 through A2.5
- 5. **LEED Certified**. The developer has been able to make this a LEED certified project.
- 6. <u>Commercial Space</u>. As stated in our letter dated October 5, 2011, Waterfront Lodging, Inc. will commit to build 6,000 square feet of commercial space at the hotel site. The development of this commercial space will commence within eighteen (18) months of the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy to operate the Hampton Inn Hotel at the Water Street location.
- 7. <u>Intervening Alleys</u>. As shown in Exhibit "A", there is an intervening City alley located within the center of the development site. Waterfront Lodging, Inc. has delivered to the City Clerk for the City of Des Moines, a check in the amount of \$39,586.00 in a good faith effort to purchase the alley and to illustrate its willingness to move forward with this project.

On behalf of our client, we would like to reiterate that a decision be made concerning this project on October 10, 2011. As of the date of this letter, the client has spent two years working with City staff and expended over \$500,000.00 in architectural and engineering costs on this project.

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We need the City's help in order to make this project a reality and we look for the City's support at the hearing on October 10, 2011.

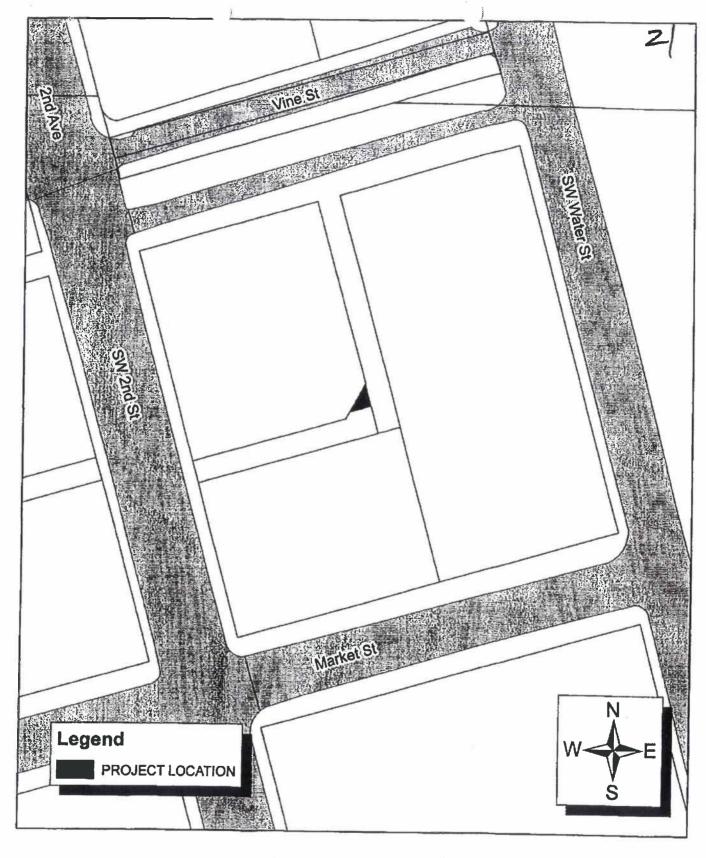
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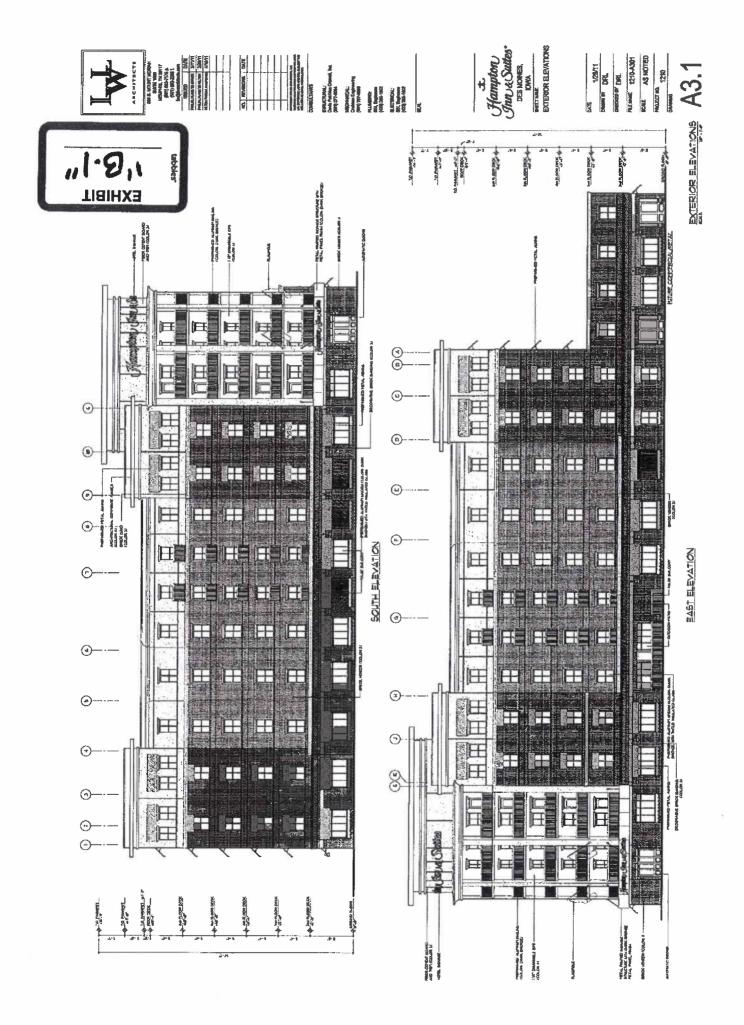
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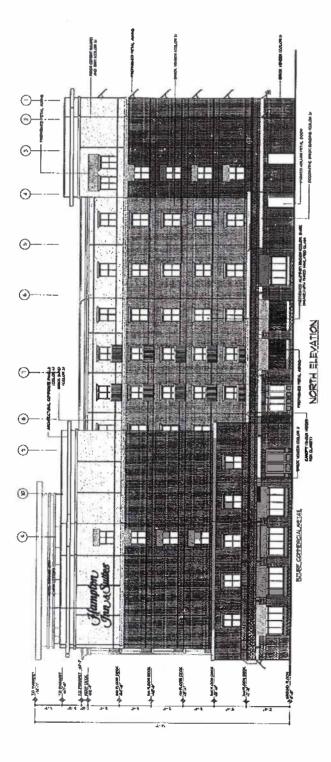






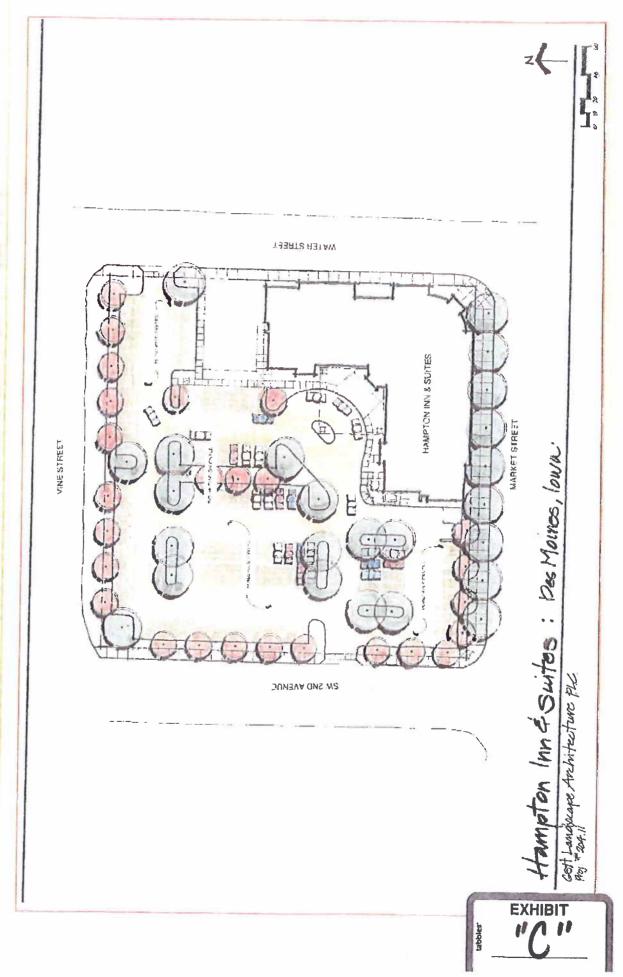
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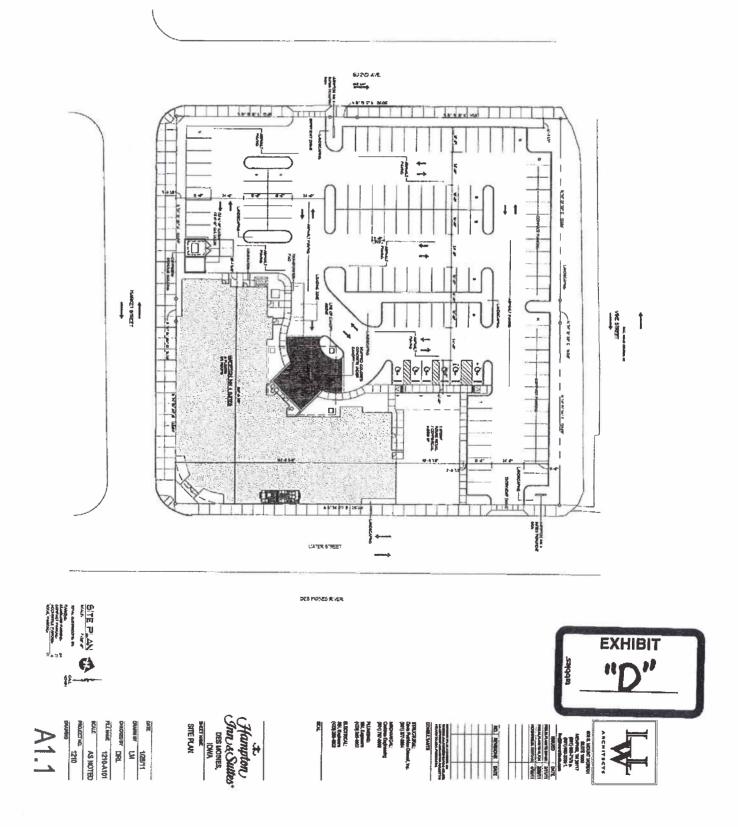
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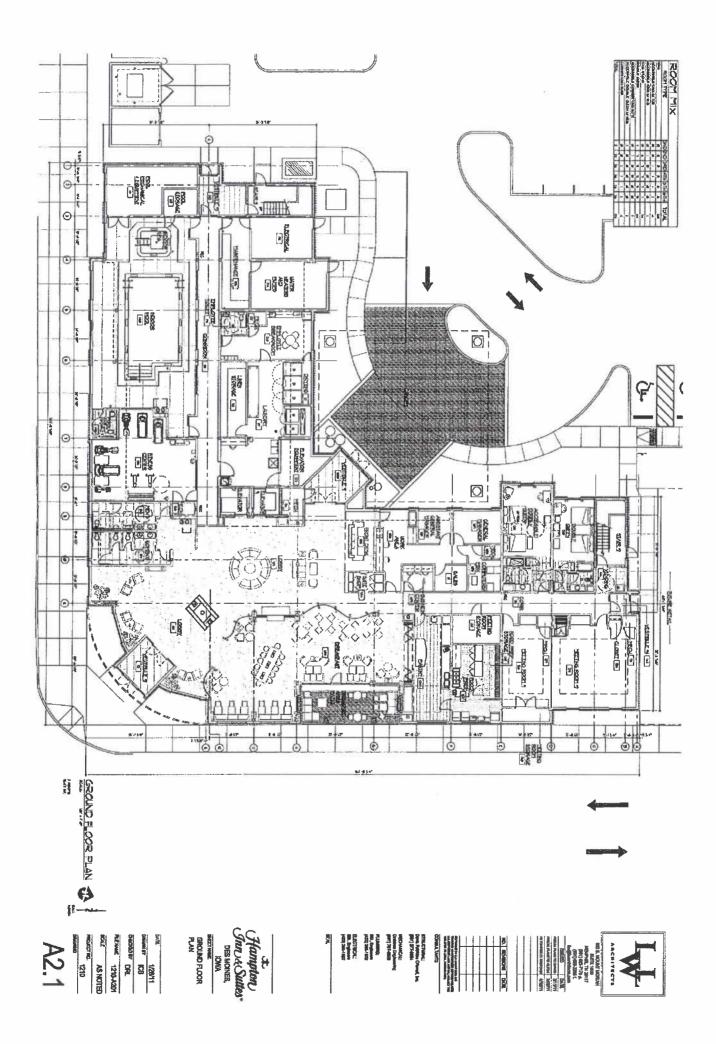


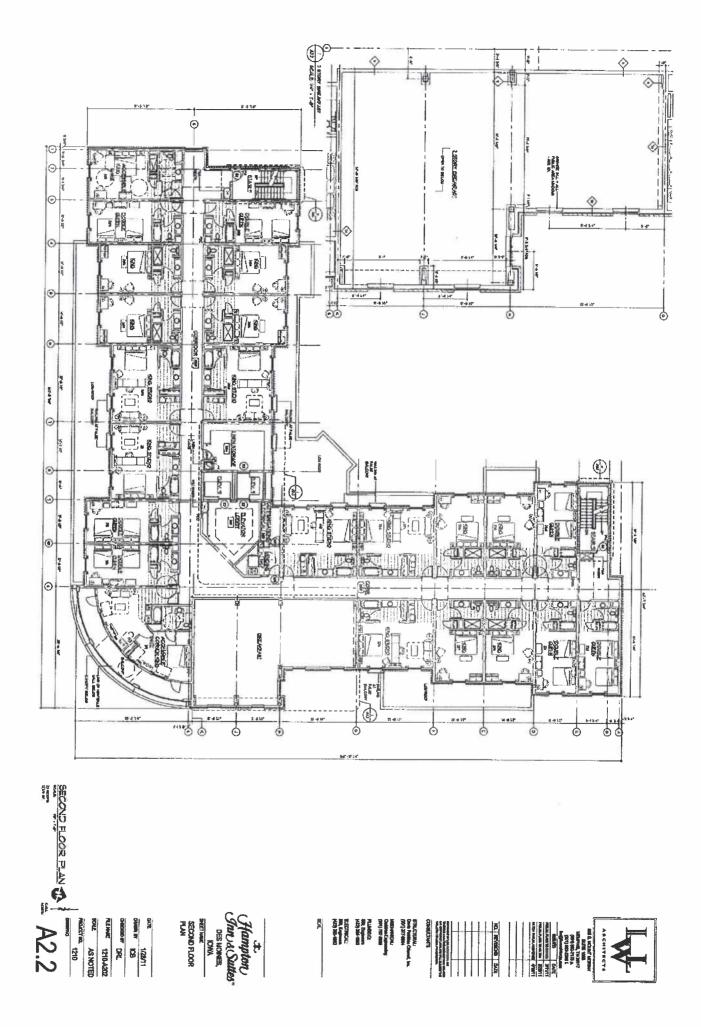
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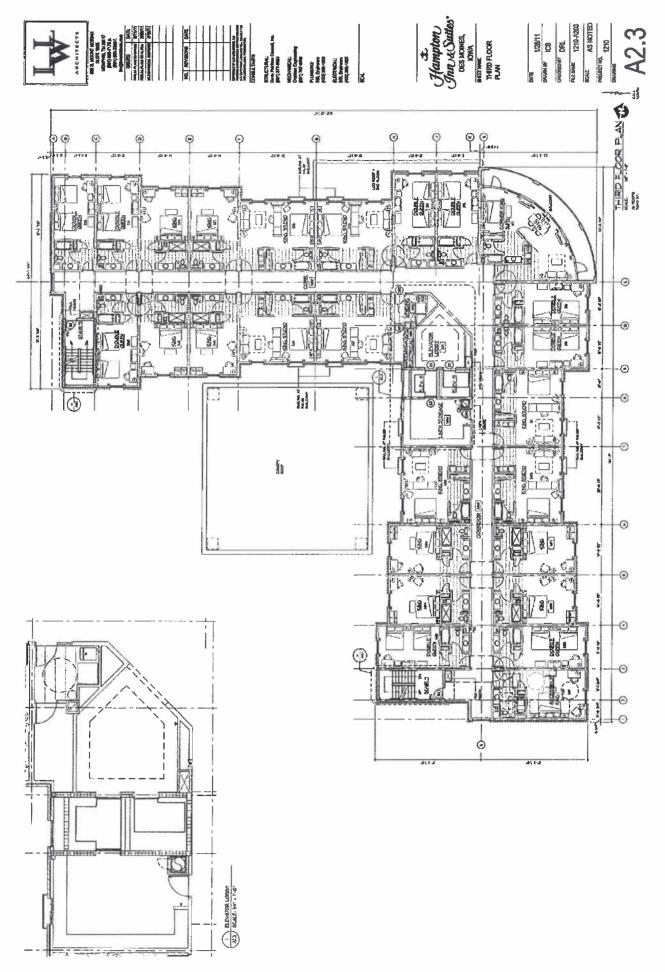
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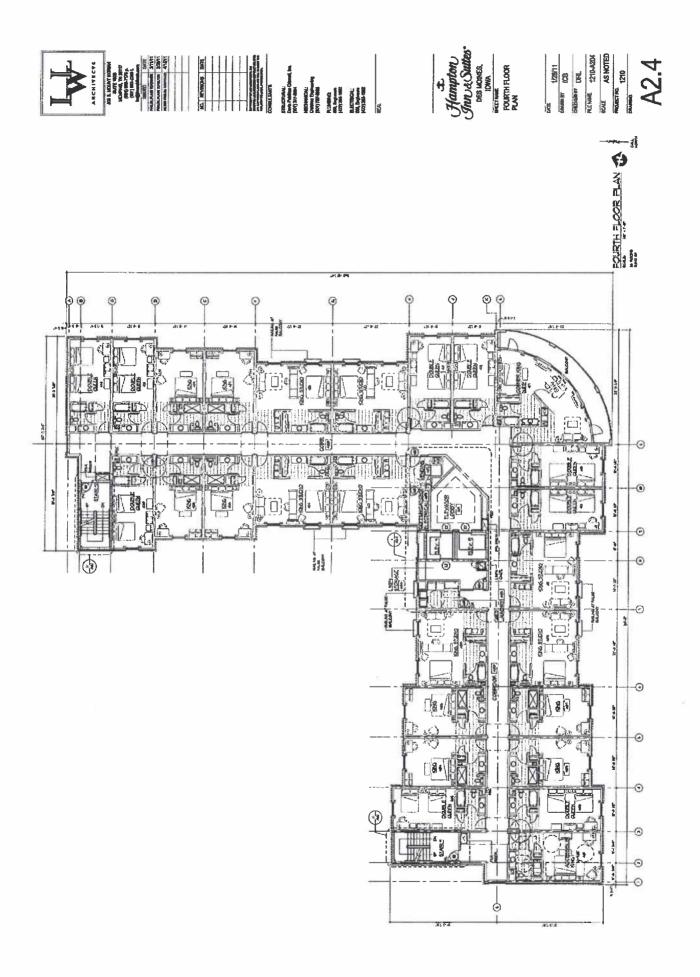


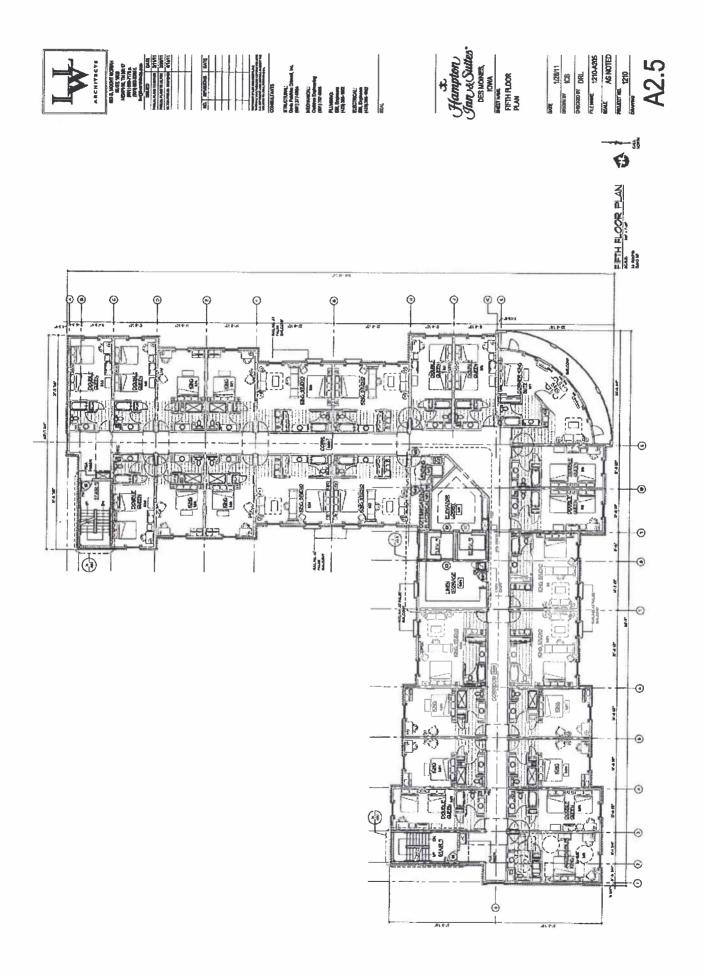












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> Re: Riverfront Associates, L.P. - Waterfront Lodging, Inc. (Patel) -Hampton Inn

Dear Rick:

As a follow up to the letter delivered to you dated October 3, 2011, Waterfront Lodging, Inc. wishes to clarify one of the terms contained within the October 3, 2011 letter.

Waterfront Lodging, Inc. is making a commitment to build 6,000 square feet of commercial space on the proposed hotel site. Further, the commitment is that commencement of the commercial space would be started within eighteen (18) months of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy to operate the Hampton Inn Hotel at the Water Street location. We ask that this commitment be shared with council members prior to the October 10, 2011 council meeting.

Very truly yours,

Daniel L. Manning Manning

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SUBJECT: Riverfront Associates, L.P. - Waterfront Lodging, Inc. (Patel) - Hampton Inn

Dear Rick:

Our law firm represents Riverfront Associates, L.P. (Levy) and Waterfront Lodging, Inc. (Patel).

Per our meeting of Friday, September 30, 2011, we indicated we would outline our clients' request.

We request the following:

• The City Council (at the meeting of Monday, October 10th) would recommend that the City of Des Moines ("City") and Patel, have an understanding under a proposed Terms of Agreement ("Agreement") to enable our client to facilitate the building of a one hundred twenty-nine (129) room Hampton Inn hotel.

The site (hereafter "Site") is located in the block bordered by Vine, Water, Market, and SW 2nd Streets.

- The proposed timeline would be that the City Council (at the meeting of October 10th) adopt a Resolution that would propose an Agreement and subsequent Development Agreement (hereafter "Agreements"). The Agreements would be adopted at the meeting of October 24, 2011 and November 7, 2011.
- Any recommendation from the City Council must be referred to the Urban Design Review Board for its meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

- The development of the 129 rooms is zoned and meets the bulk regulations of the Zoning and Site Plan Ordinances. The development does not require off street parking.
- The contract of our clients contemplates closing prior to November 30, 2011, as Patel's commitment for financing expires the 31st of December, 2011.
- Patel in our meeting of Friday, September 30th indicated that he would commit to build (as part of the Project the proposed six thousand (6,000) square feet of commercial as shown on the proposed Site Plan). The hotel would be ready for occupancy in late 2012 or early 2013.
- The Agreements would provide that Patel, City and the Polk County Assessor ("Assessor") enter into a Minimum Assessment Agreement.

The Agreement would provide that Patel receive 75% and the City receive the remaining 25% of the taxes generated by the development for a period of fifteen (15) years.

• In addition to the real estate taxes, the City would receive (hotel/motel occupancy tax) seven percent (7%) of the gross income, per year. The tax (on an annual basis) could generate approximately Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000.00).

Time is of the essence, and we request any and all final approvals by the City Council no later than Tuesday, November 7, 2011.

We request the City Council Subcommittee of Mayor Cownie, Councilwoman Hensley and Councilman Coleman be convened this week along with the undersigned and our clients in order to review this proposal.

We request this item be placed on the City Council Agenda for its meeting of Monday, October 10, 2011.

We await your reply.

Very truly yours,

William J. Lillis Dim

Daniel L. Manning

For the Firm

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