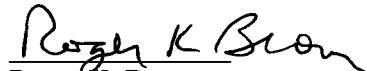


Date October 22, 2012

COMMUNICATION from City Councilmember Brian Meyer regarding the future redevelopment of the Market District located immediately south of the East Village, and the future relocation of the Public Works Department facilities from the Market District as part of the second phase of the Municipal Services Center.

MOVED by _____ to receive and file, and to direct the City Manager to recommend an implementation strategy to relocate the Public Works facilities to the Municipal Services Center and to monitor the availability of other critical development parcels, consistent with available funding.

FORM APPROVED:


 Roger K. Brown
 Assistant City Attorney

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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



October 22, 2012

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

In 2010, Jeffrey Morgan Architecture Studio, City staff, and appropriate Boards and Commissions completed an urban design study for an area referred to as the *Market District*. This study provides a framework for redevelopment of a 45-acre area immediately south of the East Village. The area is currently characterized by industrial uses, outdoor storage, limited public infrastructure, and a general lack of reinvestment. But change is eminent.

The completion of the first phase of the SE Connector and pending extension to SE 30th have opened this area for redevelopment. The City recently rebuilt SE 6th to provide car, bike, and pedestrian access to and from the East Village. The most significant impediment to private-sector redevelopment is the current land use. The City of Des Moines's Public Works Department, the largest of these users, occupies 6 blocks of this redevelopment area.

The City must take the lead to drive private investment in the Market District. The Office of Economic Development can begin a serious dialog with residential, retail, office, and entertainment developers once a timeline for changing land uses has been established.

I request that the City Manager be directed to pursue an implementation strategy to relocate Public Works to the Municipal Services Center and to monitor the availability of other critical development parcels. Such implementation strategy must be consistent with available funding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian J. Meyer
Council Member, Ward IV