

Date May 20, 2013

APPROVING RENAMING OF NOLLEN PLAZA

WHEREAS, the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines (“Civic Center”) is an important and successful regional attraction, located in downtown Des Moines, that provides a significant enhancement to our citizens’ quality of life; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 1975, by Roll Call No. 5636, the City Council approved the Lease of Land for Private Redevelopment By and Between the City of Des Moines and Civic Center of Greater Des Moines (now known as “Des Moines Performing Arts”) for development of the Civic Center and Nollen Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Nollen Plaza is more than 30 years old and in need of major renovation; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Performing Arts Board of Directors desires to enhance and improve Nollen Plaza and the Theater Block on which the Civic Center building is located and is conducting a fundraising effort to finance renovation of the Nollen Plaza and the Theater Block with construction to begin in Summer 2013; and

WHEREAS, October 8, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-1575, the Schematic Design for the Nollen Plaza was presented to the City Council by the Des Moines Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-0752, the City Council approved the Schematic Design for material and capital improvements at Nollen Plaza and Civic Center Theater Block; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Performing Arts Board of Directors has proposed that the Nollen Plaza be renamed in recognition of a major gift given to the renovation of the Nollen Plaza; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate such renovation project, the City Council hereby deems it to be in the best interests of the City to rename the Nollen Plaza.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the block known as the Nollen Plaza be and is hereby named and to be known as “Cowles Commons”.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Approved as to Form:

Ann DiDonato
Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

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.

City Clerk