

Date.....September 9, 2013.....

**AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF THE  
NECESSARY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS FOR THE EAST 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET AT  
WALNUT STREET AND COURT AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT  
BY GIFT, NEGOTIATION, OR CONDEMNATION**

**WHEREAS**, on January 28, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-0095, the City Council approved execution of an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for the installation of traffic signals at the intersections of East 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Walnut Street and at Court Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Real Estate Division of the Engineering Department will acquire the necessary Right-of-Way for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Fair Market Value of the property interests to be acquired will be submitted to the City Council or the City Manager, as applicable, for approval and authorization to proceed with the acquisitions; and

**WHEREAS**, the property interests to be acquired for this Project will be used as City right-of-way following acquisition thereof, except for land to be determined excess by the City Engineer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

1. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to proceed with the necessary activities and negotiations to acquire by gift, negotiation, or condemnation the necessary property interests for construction of the East 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Walnut Street and Court Avenue Traffic Signal Project, subject to approval by this Council, or approval of the City Manager in accordance with Section 2-201 (c) and (d), of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as appropriate.

2. That the property will be acquired in accordance with the guidelines of 49 CFR Part 24 of the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Act, as revised, and that relocation assistance is hereby authorized.

3. That the Fair Market Value of the acquired property interests will be approved in accordance with established City policy. If the property owners agree to convey the property interests to the City in an amount based on the established fair market value, including an approved administrative settlement, or if a condemnation award is based on the established fair market value or falls within an approved settlement amount, the Finance Director is authorized and directed to issue checks in the amounts necessary to carry out these transactions and to pay any unforeseen additional costs certified by the Legal Department and the Engineering Department; the Real Estate Division

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Manager is authorized and directed to complete these transactions in accordance with standard real estate practices and state law requirements.

4. That the Real Estate Division of the Engineering Department is directed to obtain the Legal Department's review and approval of all closing documents prior to closing.

5. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to endorse upon the real estate documents associated with acquisitions for this Project, the approval and acceptance of this Council; the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign all necessary real estate documents associated with acquisitions for this Project; and the City Clerk is further authorized and directed to deliver the aforementioned documents to the Real Estate Division Manager, who shall proceed to closing in accordance with standard real estate practices.

6. That the property interests acquired as part of this Project for use as City right-of-way and/or public sidewalks are hereby dedicated as such, except for land to be determined excess by the City Engineer, with dedication effective upon acquisition and/or closing by gift, negotiation or eminent domain.

(Council Communication No. 13- 458 )

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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 Glenna K. Frank, 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