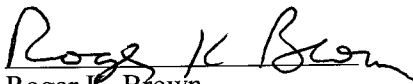


Date February 10, 2014

COMMUNICATION from the Highland Park SSMID Board regarding the recommended budget for the Highland Park Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2014.

MOVED by _____ to receive and file.

FORM APPROVED:



Roger K. Brown
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRAY				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MOORE				
VOSS				
TOTAL				

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

January 31, 2014

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa

RE: FY 2015 Highland Park SSMID Budget and Levy

The Highland Park SSMID Board, which was created by City Council Roll Call No. 03-2401 to assist in the preparation of the annual SSMID budget and levy, held its annual meeting on January 27, 2014. The SSMID agreement requires the Parks Area Foundation to appoint a seven member board for fixed, staggered terms. The seven board members and their terms are outlined below.

- Re-appointed – Dr. Boyd Nordmark and Mike Harden, terms expire December 31st, 2016.
- Bill Wheeler (chairman), Phyllis Wheeler, and Ken Boatwright, terms expire December 31st, 2015.
- Fred Spuzello and Samantha Evans, terms expire December 31st, 2014. (Samantha Evans was appointed to take the board seat that had been held by Linda Bisignano)

The Highland Park SSMID Board reviewed and discussed the financial report that was prepared by the Finance Department and presented by staff from the Community Development Department. Following this discussion the Highland Park SSMID Board approved a motion to recommend to the City Council that the Highland Park SSMID levy remain at \$1.75 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for FY 2015.

In other business, the board discussed whether or not to continue with private maintenance of the flower pots throughout the district. The board was very satisfied with the plant material list from last years installation and would like to see the contractor use the same or similar palate again. The board approved a motion to contract the flower planting again in 2014.

The board also discussed the accent lighting on the arch across 6th Avenue that was purchased and installed in 2013. Several board members indicated that the light levels were not meeting their expectations and that they would like to see the lamps adjusted to cast a better light. Staff will work with the supplier and installer to have this done. The board also discussed adding new banners to the district, as well as holiday decorations. The new banners may be funded by a grant but the installation would likely be done utilizing SSMID funds. A mid-year board meeting will be held in May to continue the discussion on the banners and other items of business.

Respectfully,



Bill Wheeler, Chairman
Highland Park SSMID Board

- cc: Highland Park SSMID Board Members
 Rick Clark, City Manager
 Scott Sanders, Finance Director
 Phil Delafield, Community Development Director
 Chris Johansen, Deputy Community Development Director
 ✓ Roger Brown, Assistant City Attorney
 Jennifer Dakovich, Principal Traffic Engineer
 Kyle Larson, Senior City Planner