



Date July 27, 2015

AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PROCESS TO PROMOTE HOUSING REHABILITATION IN THE EAST BANK NEIGHBORHOODS

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2014, by Roll Call Nos. 14-0606 and 14-0607, the Des Moines City Council adopted the Capitol East and Capitol Park Neighborhood Plan Updates; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-0734, the Des Moines City Council endorsed the Capital Crossroads: Capital Core Neighborhood Improvement Implementation Plan, which included an initiative to proactively address blighted residential property; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2014, by Roll Call Nos. 14-1225, 14-1226, and 14-1227, the Des Moines City Council adopted the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Neighborhood Revitalization Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines City Council allocated funding in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for redevelopment of vacant and blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, Community Development staff recommends utilizing this funding to provide gap financing in the form of grant proceeds to support selected developers with their acquisition and rehabilitation of existing vacant and/or blighted residential properties in the East Bank neighborhoods: Capitol Park, Capitol East, and Martin Luther King Jr. Park; and

WHEREAS, Community Development staff recommends that a Request for Proposals (RFP) process be initiated in the summer of 2015 to identify qualified developers intending to undertake said residential redevelopment work to meet goals in the three Neighborhood Plans of improving the condition of the existing housing stock.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Community Development Director is directed to prepare, and to distribute to interested developers, a Request for Proposals for the selection of developer(s) intending to undertake residential redevelopment in the East Bank neighborhoods in the form of acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of vacant and/or blighted residential properties for redevelopment as owner-occupied housing; to identify a developer(s) qualified to receive grant funding from the City of Des Moines to assist with said private efforts for the purpose of redeveloping vacant and/or blighted properties and thus benefiting the selected neighborhoods, based on an approved redevelopment plan, evidence of financing, examples of similar work completed in the Des Moines area, and other factors deemed relevant by City staff; and to work with the Legal Department to prepare a grant agreement(s) for said purpose.



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(Council Communication No. 15-404)

Moved by _____ to approve.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

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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