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Date January 23, 2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROCESS FOR EVALUATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 1990, the City of Des Moines and the Polk County Board of Supervisors created the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) to help stabilize and improve Des Moines' neighborhoods, which included the Housing Improvement and Revitalization Strategy and the creation of the Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC), the Neighborhood Development Corporation (NDC), and the Polk County Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the NRP was evaluated by consultants and updated to address the City's most distressed neighborhoods, including expanding the concept of "revitalization" to include investing in people as well as housing and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, at this time, it is appropriate to evaluate the NRP again due to a variety of factors, including new City leadership, new leadership at key partner organizations, the adoption of PlanDSM and the upcoming Zoning Ordinance, the Capital Crossroads Capital Core initiative, increasing demand for streetscape and corridor plans, and the desire to more effectively address vacant and blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends the initiation of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to select a consultant to work with City staff, City Council, and program stakeholders to evaluate the existing NRP, identify priorities and success measures, and assess existing partner relationships; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the evaluation project is estimated at \$150,000, of which Polk County and the Greater Des Moines Partnership will each contribute \$37,500, the NFC and the NDC will each contribute \$18,750, and the City's anticipated contribution is \$37,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Community Development Director and his designee(s) are hereby authorized and directed to initiate and undertake the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to select a consultant to evaluate the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and to return to the City Council with a selected proposed consultant and consultant agreement and any applicable funding agreement(s).

(Council Comm. No. 17-032)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

MOVED BY _____ TO ADOPT.

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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