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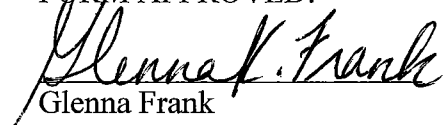
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Date February 20, 2017

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, 2017.

MOVED by _____ to receive and file.

FORM APPROVED:


Glenna Frank
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
HENSLEY				
MOORE				
WESTERGAARD				
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

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February 10, 2017

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa

RE: FY 2018 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 24, 2017. 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.

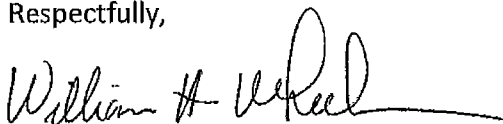
- Emily Andersen and Mike Harden were reappointed to the board, terms expire Dec. 31st, 2019.
- Bill Wheeler (chairman), Phyllis Wheeler, and Ken Boatwright, terms expire Dec. 31st, 2018.
- Theresa Agey and *Joel Westrum*, terms expire Dec. 31st, 2017.
 - Samantha Evans is no longer working at the CVS Store, therefore she is no longer participating. Joel Westrum has agreed to step in and fill the seat vacated by Ms. Evans.

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 2018.

In other business, the board discussed whether or not to continue with private maintenance of the flower pots throughout the district. The board approved a motion to contract the flower planting again in 2017. Bids will be secured by City staff and sent to the board for review.

The board once again discussed the potential for converting the custom/private streetlights to LED. Streetlight maintenance is an ongoing issue. The custom streetlight poles and fixtures are not supported by MidAmerican Energy, instead they are owned and maintained by the district. An LED retrofit kit is available from the manufacturer, Kim Lighting, but the cost to do a full conversion would likely exceed \$80,000. A local lighting specialist has done an analysis of the district's lights and provided a recommendation for an LED retrofit that would be significantly less than the manufacturer's kit. Staff from Engineering and Community Development will review this recommendation and report back to the board. Another meeting of the SSMID Board has been scheduled for March 28th, 2017.

Respectfully,



Bill Wheeler, Chairman
Highland Park SSMID Board

cc: Highland Park SSMID Board Members
Roger Brown, Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Dakovich, Principal Traffic Engineer
Kyle Larson, Senior City Planner