

Agenda Item Number

Date October 9, 2017

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN IOWA GREAT PLACES GRANT APPLICATION FOR PLACEMAKING AND PUBLIC ART ELEMENTS ON THE 6TH AVENUE CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2015, by Roll Call No. 15-1874, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. ("6AC") for the implementation of Phase 1 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2015, by Roll Call No. 15-0403, the City Council approved an Iowa Great Places Program Grant Agreement for Phase 1 of the 6th Avenue Corridor Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-0525, the City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Brian Clark and Associates, Inc. d/b/a Confluence, for professional services for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-1728, the City Council received and filed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Greening America's Capitals Report on the 6th Avenue Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape project is bound by Hickman Avenue on the north and College Avenue on the south and is anticipated to begin construction in calendar year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Arts Council has opened up another round of grant funds for Iowa Great Places designated communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines and 6AC have collectively raised \$1,100,000 to date for construction of Phase 1 of the streetscape project, including \$600,000 from the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), \$250,000 from Iowa Great Places, \$150,000 from Mercy Hospital, \$75,000 from the Wellmark Foundation, and \$25,000 from Bankers Trust; and

WHEREAS, 6AC is requesting that placemaking and public art be the focus of the next phase of fundraising to further enhance the 6th Avenue Corridor and the planned streetscape project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Mayor or City Manager are hereby authorized and directed to apply on behalf of the City for a \$175,000 Iowa Great Places Grant from the Iowa Arts Council for the purpose of incorporating placemaking and public art elements as part of the streetscape improvements on 6th Avenue.



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(Council Comm. No. <u>17-709</u>)

MOVED BY _______ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED: <u>Herna K. Frank</u>, Assistant City Attorney

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.

Mayor

City Clerk