



**Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date** November 18, 2019

**SET HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS FOR VACATION OF THE  
NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED EAST OF AND ADJOINING 2944 DES  
MOINES STREET AND CONVEYANCE TO GREATER IOWA CREDIT UNION FOR \$4,290.00**

**WHEREAS**, on October 14, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-1595, the City Council of the City of Des Moines voted to receive and file a communication from the Plan and Zoning Commission regarding a request from Greater Iowa Credit Union to vacate the segment of north/south alley right-of-way between East 29<sup>th</sup> Street and East 30<sup>th</sup> Street from Des Moines Street on the south to the east/west alley on the north, adjoining 2944 Des Moines Street, to allow for assemblage with the adjoining property as part of an expansion of the existing branch financial services site; and

**WHEREAS** Greater Iowa Credit Union, owner of 2944 Des Moines Street and 600 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street, has offered to the City of Des Moines ("City") the purchase price of \$4,290.00 for the purchase of the vacated north/south alley right-of-way located east of and adjoining 2944 Des Moines Street and west of and adjoining 600 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, Iowa (hereinafter "Property"), to allow for assemblage with their adjoining property for expansion of the existing branch financial services site, which price reflects the fair market value of the Property as determined by the City's Real Estate Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has no known current or anticipated public need for the Property proposed to be sold, subject to reservation of easements therein, and the City will not be inconvenienced by the vacation and sale of said Property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

1. That the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, shall consider adoption of an ordinance permanently vacating the north/south alley right-of-way located east of and adjoining 2944 Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa, legally described as follows:

A 14.00 foot wide alley that is East of and adjacent to Lot 4, Block 2, Elliott's Addition to Grant Park, an official plat, City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa. Said tract of land contains 0.048 acres (2091 square feet) more or less.

2. The City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, further proposes to sell the vacated alley right-of-way, as legally described and to the grantee and for the consideration identified below, subject to the reservation of easements for utilities therein:

Grantee: Greater Iowa Credit Union

Consideration: \$4,290.00

Legal Description: A 14.00 foot wide vacated alley that is East of and adjacent to Lot 4, Block 2, Elliott's Addition to Grant Park, an official plat, City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa. Said tract of land contains 0.048 acres (2091 square feet) more or less.

3. That the meeting of the City Council at which the adoption of said ordinance and the sale and conveyance of such alley right-of-way is to be considered shall be December 2, 2019, said meeting to



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be held at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

4. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said proposal in the form hereto attached all in accordance with §362.3 of the Iowa Code.
5. Non-project related land sale proceeds are used to support general operating budget expenses: Org – EG064090.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lisa A. Wieland, Assistant City Attorney



COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
MANDELBAUM				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED
APPROVED

Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, P. KAY CMELIK, 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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Date October 14, 2019

RECEIVE AND FILE COMMUNICATION FROM THE PLAN AND ZONING  
COMMISSION REGARDING REQUEST FROM GREATER IOWA CREDIT UNION FOR  
VACATION OF A SEGMENT OF NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY ADJOINING  
2944 DES MOINES STREET

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on September 19, 2019, its members voted 11-0 to recommend **APPROVAL** of a request from Greater Iowa Credit Union (owner), represented by Scott Zahnle (officer), to vacate a segment of north/south alley right-of-way between East 29<sup>th</sup> Street and East 30<sup>th</sup> Street from Des Moines Street on the south to the east/west alley on the north, adjoining 2944 Des Moines Street, to allow for assemblage with the property as part of an expansion of the existing branch financial services site.

MOVED by Gatto to receive and file the attached communication from the Plan and Zoning Commission, and refer to the Engineering Department, Real Estate Division.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

(11-2019-1.21)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Baumgartner, Acting 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.

Laura Baumgartner Acting City Clerk

October 1, 2019

Date November 18, 2019  
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Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Des Moines, Iowa

Members:

Communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at their September 19, 2019 meeting, the following action was taken regarding a request from Greater Iowa Credit Union (owner) represented by Scott Zahnle (officer) for vacation of the north/south alley segment between East 29<sup>th</sup> Street and East 30<sup>th</sup> Street from Des Moines Street to the east/west alley. Subject property located at 2944 Des Moines Street.

### COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

After public hearing, the members voted 11-0 as follows:

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Absent
Francis Boggus				X
Dory Briles	X			
Abby Chungath	X			
David Courard-Hauri	X			
Jacqueline Easley	X			
Jann Freed	X			
John "Jack" Hilmes	X			
Lisa Howard				X
Carolyn Jenison	X			
Greg Jones	X			
William Page	X			
Rocky Sposato	X			
Steve Wallace				X
Greg Wattier				X
Emily Webb	X			

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the requested vacation of the north/south alley.  
(11-2019-1.21)

### Written Responses

0 in Favor

0 in opposition

## RECOMMENDATION TO THE P&Z COMMISSION

Staff recommends approval of the requested vacation of the north/south alley.

## STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Purpose of Request:** The rezoning would allow the expansion of the existing branch financial institution, Greater Iowa Credit Union, onto property the applicant has acquired to the west and demolished the existing dwelling. The expansion would include additional off-street parking, an addition to the building and a drive-up canopy area. To assemble the property, the applicant is also requesting to vacate the existing north/south alley Right-Of-Way (ROW) between the existing site and property requested for rezoning.
2. **Size of Site:** Property requested for rezoning is 7,500 square feet area. The requested ROW is 2,100 square feet in area. The current financial institution site is 20,400 square feet (0.45 acres).
3. **Existing Zoning (site):** "R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District and "FSO" Freestanding Signs Overlay District.
4. **Existing Land Use (site):** The subject property is vacant from the recent demolition of a single-family dwelling. The alley ROW was previously improved with asphalt paving as part of the existing financial institution site.
5. **Adjacent Land Use and Zoning:**
  - North** – "R1-60", Uses are single-family dwellings.
  - South** – "R1-60", Uses are single-family dwellings.
  - East** – "C-2", Use is Greater Iowa Credit Union branch drive-up financial institution.
  - West** – "R1-60", Uses are single-family dwellings.
6. **General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses:** The subject property is located just west of the East 30<sup>th</sup> Street commercial corridor which separates the residential Fairground Neighborhood to the west and the Iowa State Fairground to the east.
7. **Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s):** The subject property is located within the Fairground Neighborhood and within 250 feet of the Valley High Manor Neighborhood. The neighborhoods were notified of the meeting by mailing of the Preliminary Agenda to all recognized neighborhoods on August 30, 2019. Additionally, separate notifications of the hearing for this specific item were mailed on August 30, 2019 (20 days prior to the hearing) and September 9, 2019 (10 days prior to the hearing), to the neighborhood association and to the primary titleholder on file with the Polk County Assessor for each

property within 250 feet of the site. A Final Agenda for the meeting was mailed to all the recognized neighborhood associations on September 13, 2016.

All agendas and applicable notices are mailed to the primary contact(s) designated by the recognized neighborhood association to the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Development Division. The Fairground Neighborhood Association mailings were sent to Sharon Cooper, 2838 Logan Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317. The Valley High Manor Neighborhood mailings were sent to Harlan Donaldson, 4143 Knob Hill Drive, Des Moines, IA 50317.

The applicant conducted a neighborhood meeting on September 10, 2019 and will be available to provide a summary at the public hearing.

**8. Relevant Zoning History:** N/A.

**9. PlanDSM: Creating Our Tomorrow Plan Land Use Plan Designation:** Low Density Residential. The existing site is Community Mixed Use.

**10. Applicable Regulations:** The Commission reviews all proposals to amend zoning boundaries or regulations within the City of Des Moines. Such amendments must be in conformance with the comprehensive plan for the City and designed to meet the criteria in 414.3 of the Iowa Code, and taking into consideration the criteria set forth in Chapter 18B of the Iowa Code. The Commission may make recommendations to the City Council on conditions to be made in addition to the existing regulations so long as the subject property owner agrees to them in writing. The recommendation of the Commission will be forwarded to the City Council.

**II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION**

**1. PlanDSM: Creating Our Tomorrow Plan Land Use Plan Designation:** The proposed rezoning would require the Future Land Use Map to be amended to the "Community Mixed Use" designation. Plan DSM describes this designation as follows:

*Small- to medium-scale mixed use development, located on high capacity transit corridors or at the intersection of transportation corridors. Community mixed use areas include both a mix of medium density residential and a mix of retail and service establishments designed to attract customers from a large service area encompassing multiple neighborhoods and may include specialty retail that attracts regional customers.*

Staff believes that the minimal extension of this designation from the existing site to the subject property is appropriate so long as the site redevelopment is in accordance with current Site Plan regulations and policies designed to protect adjacent residential areas.

**2. Utilities:** There are no public utilities identified within the subject property of the rezoning or the requested ROW.

**3. Site Plan Requirements:** Any redevelopment of the property must be in compliance with the City's Site Plan regulations and policies, including those regarding storm water management; off-street parking grading and soil erosion protection; tree removal and mitigation; landscaping and buffering, pavement design; and traffic and fire access.

4. **Landscaping & Buffering:** Any development of the site would require landscaping in accordance with the City's Landscape Standards. These standards generally include open space, bufferyard, and parking lot plantings. Staff notes that any future Site Plan would be required to provide a 7-foot landscaped paving setback along the front property line a 5-foot perimeter lot landscape setback along the north alley, and a 10-foot bufferyard setback to the west.

Future development of the site would also be subject to the City's Tree Removal and Mitigation Ordinance (Section 42-550 of the City Code).

5. **Drainage/Grading:** Any additional development of the site must comply with the City's Stormwater Management requirements to the satisfaction of the City's Permit and Development Center. All grading is subject to an approved grading permit and soil erosion control plan.
6. **Access or Parking:** The site has an existing access drive to East 30<sup>th</sup> Street and drives to the north/south alley requested for vacation. With the elimination of the alley there would no longer be access to the adjoining east/west alley from the property. The access to East 30<sup>th</sup> Street would be maintained and a new access to Des Moines Street would be provided in lieu of the eliminated alley. Des Moines Street is a historic brick street and any drive new approach will be required to be sensitive and integrate to the brick street without damage.
7. **Building and Fire Codes:** Any future additions to the existing site and structure must be in accordance with all Building and Fire Codes, with issuance of all necessary permits from the City's Permit & Development Center.

## **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

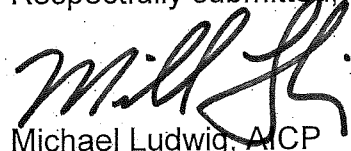
Jacqueline Easley asked if any member of the audience or the commission desired to speak regarding the item. None were present or requested to speak.

## **COMMISSION ACTION:**

Emily Webb made a motion for approval of the requested vacation of the north/south alley.

Motion passed: 11-0

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Ludwig, AICP  
Planning Administrator

MGL:tjh  
Attachments



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Greater Iowa Credit Union (owner) represented by Scott Zahnle (officer) for the property located at 2944 Des Moines Street.				File #	
				11-2019-1.21	
Description of Action		Vacation of the north/south alley segment between East 29th Street and East 30th Street from Des Moines Street to the east/west alley.			
PlanDSM Future Land Use		Current: Low Density Residential and Community Mixed Use. Proposed: Community Mixed Use.			
Mobilizing Tomorrow Transportation Plan		No planned improvements.			
Current Zoning District		"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District, "C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial District and "FSO" Freestanding Signs Overlay District.			
Proposed Zoning District		"C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial District and "FSO" Freestanding Signs Overlay District.			
Consent Card Responses		In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition
Outside Area (200 feet)		0	0		
Within Subject Property					
Plan and Zoning Commission Action		Approval	X	Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council	Yes
		Denial			No

Greater Iowa Credit Union, 2944 Des Moines Street

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