



Date April 15, 2024

**RESOLUTION DISMISSING HEARING FOR CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED
PROPERTY AT 1916 WASHINGTON AVENUE TO GREATER DES MOINES
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 446.19A permits cities to acquire tax sale certificates for abandoned property assessed as residential property or as commercial multifamily property or vacant residential lots at a tax sale without paying the taxes then due, to obtain the assignment of outstanding tax sale certificates by payment to the certificate holder the amount then due to redeem the certificate, and to further assign said certificates, all for the purpose of encouraging the acquisition and rehabilitation of abandoned dwellings and lots; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2023, by Roll Call No. 23-0834, the City Council approved acquisition of the tax sale certificate for the vacant and abandoned property locally known as 1916 Washington Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa (“Property”), entered into a development agreement with Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity (“Habitat”) and began the process to take tax sale deed; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the proposed conveyance by the City to Habitat will be governed by and subject to approval of a development agreement between Habitat and the City of Des Moines, which agreement will be submitted to City Council for consideration concurrently with the public hearing on the sale, and will further be subject to completion by the City of the tax sale process and acquisition of the Property by tax sale deed; and

WHEREAS, April 1, 2024, by Roll Call No. 24-0490, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the proposed conveyance of the property to Habitat be set down for hearing on April 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the proposal was published as provided by law in the Des Moines Register, setting forth the time and place for hearing on the proposal; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Neighborhood Services staff and Habitat jointly requested to dismiss the hearing on the proposed conveyance of the property to Habitat to allow for additional time to complete certain tax sale title-clearing actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the public hearing on the proposed conveyance of Property to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, is hereby dismissed, and the matter of the proposed conveyance of the Property locally known as 1916 Washington Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa is withdrawn from City Council consideration.



Roll Call Number

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(Council Communication No. 24-159)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Second by _____

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill
Chas M. Cahill, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
COLEMAN				
WESTERGAARD				
MANDELBAUM				
GATTO				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	
_____ Mayor				

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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