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AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN ORDER TO FUND A VOLUNTARY HAZARD MITIGATION ACQUISITION PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE FLOOD DAMAGED PROPERTIES IN THE FOUR MILE AREA

WHEREAS, based upon structural assessments by City staff and input from property owners located in the Four Mile Area, there are seven (7) properties that have either sustained substantial damage and/ or the property owners have expressed interest in a voluntary buy-out program; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to State and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a Presidential disaster has been declared in order to implement measures during the recovery phase of a disaster to prevent damages in future disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will fund up to 75 percent of the mitigation project's total cost, 10 percent will be funded by the State; and the remaining 15 percent will be the responsibility of the City of Des Moines as the local applicant using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2008, the City of Des Moines submitted a Notice of Interest (NOI) to the Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division in order to be eligible for consideration to apply for HMGP funds; and

WHEREAS, September 29, 2008, the City of Des Moines received a formal invitation to complete and submit an HMGP application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Community Development Department intends to submit an application for HMGP funds to implement a voluntary buy-out program for flood damaged residential properties in the Four Miles Area; and

WHEREAS, the State Mitigation Project Officer has recommended expeditious application as grant review and approval will be completed in the order by which applications are received, rather than upon criteria determined by the amount of damage for each community submitting an application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Mayor is authorized and directed to sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application once completed.
2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the signed HMGP application to the Community Development Director.
3. The Community Development Director is hereby authorized and directed to submit the HMGP application on behalf of the City of Des Moines to the Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division in an expeditious manner.

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4. If the City's application for HMGP funds is granted, the Community Development Department and the Engineering Department's real estate division are directed to seek City Council acceptance of the HMGP funds and approval for future actions necessary and proper to implement the proposed voluntary acquisition project.

(Council Communication No. 08-676)

Moved by Mahaffey to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

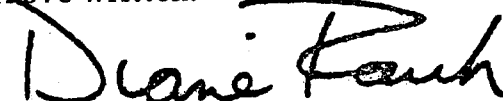

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Assistant City Attorney

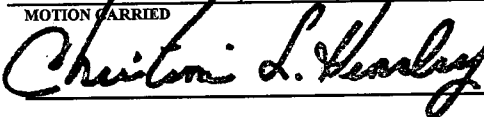
COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				✓
COLEMAN	✓			
KIERNAN	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
VLASSIS	✓			
TOTAL	6			1

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.


Diane Rauh City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

C. L. Hearley Mayor

MAYOR PRO TEM