

Date November 9, 2009.....

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE GANNETT SATELLITE INFORMATION NETWORK (GANSAT), INC. APPLICATION TO THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE BENEFITS REGARDING A PROJECT IN THE GATEWAY ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, on September 14, 1998 by Roll Call No. 98-2839, the Des Moines City Council established the nine member Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission ("Commission") and on June 21, 1999 by Roll Call No. 99-2002, the City Council designated the Des Moines Gateway Enterprise Zone, which the State of Iowa subsequently certified, all pursuant to Iowa Code sections 15E.191-96(2001); and

WHEREAS, the Commission's authority is independent of the Council, and said Commission is required to review applications primarily for State tax incentives from qualified businesses or housing providers located within or requesting to locate within or develop housing within an enterprise zone in order to encourage new development, and to forward its recommendation to Iowa Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 1999, the Commission adopted a requirement that as part of the application process for benefits in any State of Iowa Enterprise Zone located in Des Moines, businesses and developers must meet with the appropriate neighborhood group to obtain a recommendation on the project; and

WHEREAS, GANSAT, Inc. is a business requesting approval of its application for enterprise zone benefits regarding a project in the State of Iowa Gateway Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, GANSAT, Inc. is proposing to invest approximately \$985,000 to expand the regional toning facility component of the operations at 715 Locust and intends to create 90-110 new jobs within the next three years and retain 12 jobs downtown; and

WHEREAS, GANSAT, Inc.'s application appears to meet all of the requirements for enterprise zone benefits as described in the staff report herein referenced as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2009, the Downtown Des Moines Neighborhood Association will meet to review the project and is anticipated to send a letter of support to the City; and

WHEREAS, Council is requested to recommend approval of GANSAT, Inc.'s application for enterprise zone benefits to the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission as well as to the Iowa Department of Economic Development, which administers the State of Iowa Enterprise Zone Program.

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

1. The staff report describing how GANSAT, Inc.'s application meets the requirements for enterprise zone benefits, herein referenced as Exhibit "A", is hereby accepted.
2. GANSAT, Inc.'s application is recommended for approval to the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission and to the Iowa Department of Economic Development.
3. The Office of Economic Development is directed to transmit a copy of this Roll Call to the Commission and to the Iowa Department of Economic Development and is directed to conduct project compliance monitoring.
4. Upon approval of the application by the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the Mayor is authorized to execute and the City Clerk is directed to attest to his signature any documents necessary for GANSAT, Inc. to receive enterprise zone benefits.

(Council Communication No. 09-797 Attached)

Moved by Hensley to approve.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael F. Kelley
Assistant City Attorney

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

T. M. Franklin 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.

Diane Rauh City Clerk