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Agenda Item Number

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Date May 24, 2010

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICES (CISS) TO ACQUIRE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, SOUTH OF THE 1400 BLOCK OF MULBERRY, FOR A HOMELESS SHELTER

WHEREAS, homelessness in Des Moines is on the increase with many individuals living on the street, in emergency shelters and transitional housing, or places not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, providing adequate emergency shelter services for the homeless population is an urgent need of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has recently received a letter from Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS), a homeless services provider, expressing CISS' interest in acquiring City-owned real property directly south of CISS' current location on Mulberry Street, in lieu of completing acquisition of the property on Keosauqua Way that CISS is currently acquiring from the City by contract approved by the City Council on March 9, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-410; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2010, the Homeless Coordinating Council approved a resolution recommending that the City of Des Moines work with CISS for the proposed development of their new shelter at the Mulberry Street location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the above-described letter of request from CISS is hereby received and filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution approved by the Homeless Coordinating Council is hereby received and filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to proceed with the development and site preparation for the new central fire station on this parcel and proceed with the design of Mulberry Street for paving between 13th and 15th Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized and directed to develop a proposal on CISS' request to acquire City-owned real property south of CISS' current location on Mulberry Street, and to return to Council for further action on said proposal.

APPROVED, AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank
Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

MOVED BY Coleman to adopt.

(Council Communication No. 10-307)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

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

T. M. Franklin Mayor