

★ Roll Call Number  
14-1586

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Date October 6, 2014

**HOLD HEARING ON THE INTENT TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR  
RECREATIONAL TRAIL PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE ACQUISITION OF  
THE NECESSARY PROPERTY INTERESTS FROM VARIOUS PROPERTY  
OWNERS FOR THE MCHENRY TRAIL CONNECTION PROJECT BY GIFT,  
NEGOTIATION, OR EMINENT DOMAIN**

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2012 by Resolution No. 12-023, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Board approved the McHenry Park Master Plan which proposed additional trail connections, including one alignment that will head west from McHenry Park to the Inter-Urban Trail, which alignment requires the acquisition of private property for construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed trail; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of Section 6B.2D of the Iowa Code, a governmental body which proposes to acquire private property by eminent domain for recreational trail purposes is required to give notice of a proposed resolution, motion, or other document authorizing such acquisition of property to each property owner, contract purchaser of record and any tenant known to be occupying the property at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting at which such proposed authorization will be considered; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1468, City Council set the time and place for a hearing at which persons affected by the McHenry Trail Connection Project may present their views regarding the proposed acquisition of private property for recreational trail purposes by gift, negotiation or eminent domain; and

**WHEREAS**, authorized notice of this hearing was given as provided by law, setting forth the time and place for hearing on the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has met as provided in the notice to receive and consider input regarding the acquisition of private property for recreational trail purposes for the McHenry Trail Connection Project by gift, negotiation or eminent domain, and those interested in this proposed property acquisition, both for and against, have been given an opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council.

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

1. That all objections and endorsements having been fully reviewed and considered, the hearing providing the opportunity for input from affected property owners on the question of acquisition or condemnation of private property and property interests for the McHenry Trail Connection Project is now concluded and closed.
2. That acquisition of private property needed for this Project, including acquisition by eminent domain (condemnation) if necessary, is hereby authorized.

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3. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to proceed with the necessary activities and negotiations to acquire by gift, negotiation, or condemnation the necessary property interests for construction of the McHenry Trail Connection Project subject to approval by this Council, or approval of the City Manager in accordance with Section 2-201(c) and (d), of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as appropriate.

4. That the property will be acquired in accordance with the guidelines of 49 CFR Part 24 of the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Act, as revised, and that relocation assistance is hereby authorized.

5. That the Fair Market Value of the parcels will be approved in accordance with established City policy. If the property owners agree to convey the property to the City in an amount based on the established fair market value, including an approved administrative settlement, or if a condemnation award is based on the established fair market value or falls within an approved settlement amount, the Finance Director is authorized and directed to issue checks in the amounts necessary to carry out these transactions and to pay any unforeseen additional costs certified by the Legal Department and the Engineering Department; the Real Estate Division Manager is authorized and directed to complete these transactions in accordance with standard real estate practices and state law requirements.

6. That the Real Estate Division of the Engineering Department is directed to obtain the Legal Department's review and approval of all closing documents prior to closing.

7. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to endorse upon the real estate documents listed above the approval and acceptance of this Council, the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign all necessary real estate documents, and the City Clerk is further authorized and directed to deliver the aforementioned documents to the Real Estate Division Manager, who shall proceed to closing in accordance with standard real estate practices.

8. That the Real Estate Division Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute Maintain Vacancy Agreements and Rental Agreements, if necessary.

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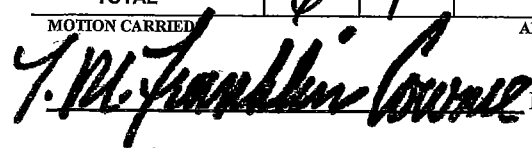
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Cori Kuhn Coleman, Assistant City Attorney

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MOORE		✓		
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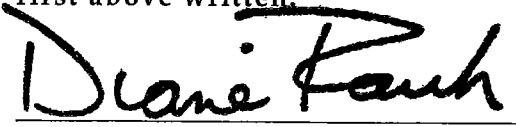
MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

  
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.

  
City Clerk