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Date July 11, 2016

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VITAL NEIGHBORHOODS CONSULTING, LLC

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties threaten the health of many of Des Moines' neighborhoods, and taking a more proactive and coordinated approach to addressing this issue has been recommended by the Capital Crossroads Neighborhood Improvement Plan, PlanDSM, and GuideDSM; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2016, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services was issued to identify a qualified consultant to provide technical assistance to more effectively address vacant and blighted properties on a citywide scale as well as through targeted neighborhood revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, one (1) proposal was received from Vital Neighborhoods Consulting, LLC (James J. Kelly, Jr., Principal) in response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee composed of Community Development staff from the Neighborhood Development Division and Neighborhood Inspection Division reviewed the proposal and determined that Vital Neighborhoods Consulting, LLC has the appropriate qualifications and expertise, approach to the project, and extensive prior experience working with communities on this issue; and

WHEREAS, City staff have negotiated a Professional Services Agreement, on file in the office of the City Clerk, with Vital Neighborhoods Consulting, LLC for a total cost not to exceed \$14,675.00 to provide technical assistance, education, and recommendations resulting in a cohesive set of strategies for proactively addressing the issues of vacancy and blight.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the proposal received from vital Neighborhoods Consulting, Inc. is hereby accepted and the Professional Services Agreement with Vital Neighborhoods Consulting, LLC for a total cost not to exceed \$14,675.00, as on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby approved; the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City; and the Community Development Director and his designee(s) are authorized and directed to administer said Agreement pursuant to its terms.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

(Council Comm. No. 16-382)

MOVED BY Hensley to adopt.

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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.

Mayor signature: T. McFranklin

City Clerk signature: Diane Rauh