



Roll Call Number

16-2188

Agenda Item Number

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Date December 19, 2016

**RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT REGARDING VACANT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES
PREPARED BY 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, on July 11, 2016, by Roll Call No. 16-1135, the City Council accepted the proposal from Vital Neighborhoods Consulting, LLC (James J. Kelly, Jr., Principal) in response to the RFP and approved the Agreement for Professional Services by and between the City of Des Moines, Iowa and Vital Neighborhoods Consulting, LLC; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2016, by Roll Call No. 16-1835, the City Council approved an amendment to said Agreement to provide for additional time for the consultant to return to Des Moines to complete the project and a reduction in the contract retention amount; and

WHEREAS, Vital Neighborhoods Consulting, LLC, has prepared its final report, entitled "Strategies to Address and Prevent Vacant and Blighted Properties in Des Moines" and on file in the office of the City Clerk, which report contains a number of recommendations related to City Code enforcement practices, revisions to the Housing Code, data collection, and land banking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the report prepared by Vital Neighborhoods Consulting, LLC, regarding vacant and blighted properties, as on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby received and filed; and the Community Development Department Director and his designee(s) are directed to assess the resource implications of the recommendations in order to provide City Council with a proposed implementation plan.

(Council Comm. No. 16-702)

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

MOVED BY Gatto

to adopt.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

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