



Roll Call Number

17-0662

Agenda Item Number

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Date April 17, 2017

AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION BY TAX SALE DEED OF 911 25TH STREET

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 446.19A permits cities to acquire tax sale certificates for abandoned property assessed as residential property or as commercial multifamily property or vacant residential lots at a tax sale without paying the taxes then due, to obtain the assignment of outstanding tax sale certificates by payment to the certificate holder the amount then due to redeem the certificate, and to further assign said certificates, all for the purpose of encouraging the acquisition and rehabilitation of abandoned dwellings and lots; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2016, by Roll Call No. 16-0962, the City Council approved execution of a contract with Polk County for acquisition of the vacant and abandoned property locally known as 911 25th Street ("Property") by tax sale deed, authorized the Community Development Director to request release of property taxes and special assessments, authorized release of all City liens and special assessments in order to encourage housing redevelopment and directed staff to distribute a Request for Proposal (RFP) to developers or work with neighborhood organizations and interested parties on developer-initiated proposals to acquire and construct single-family houses; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2017, by Roll Call No. 17-0590, the City Council voted to deny distributing a Request for Proposal to develop the Property as a single family house and instructed the City Manager to report back to City Council in 60 days regarding the ownership of the Property; and

WHEREAS, if the City is to complete the tax sale process and acquire the Property, City staff are statutorily required to request the tax sale deed from the Polk County Treasurer by April 24, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Legal Department is authorized and directed to complete the tax sale process and request that the Polk County Treasurer issue, to the City, the tax sale deed for the property located at 911 25th Street.

(Council Communication No. 17-305)

MOVED BY Hensley TO ADOPT.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GREY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
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.

T.M. Franklin Council Mayor

Diane Fauh City Clerk