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Date August 28, 2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO URBAN RENEWAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH 701 WALNUT PARTNERSHIP, LLC, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE FORMER YOUNKERS SITE AT 701 WALNUT STREET

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2016, by Roll Call No. 16-2189, the City Council approved a Development Agreement for a 276-unit multifamily housing project at 701 Walnut Street; and,

WHEREAS, the project has been revised to include an increase in building height and the addition of approximately 20% affordable housing units which increased project costs and has resulted in different financing proposals; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager has negotiated a proposed First Amendment to the Development Agreement requiring developer to modify the project in exchange for different financing; and,

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2017, the Urban Design Review Board at its regular meeting reviewed the proposed First Amendment to the Development Agreement and a consensus of the members recommend approval of the amendment.

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

1. The City Council hereby makes the following findings in support of the proposed Agreement with the Developer:
 - a) The Developer's obligations to construct the Improvements as provided by the Agreement furthers the objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan to provide additional housing, employment opportunities and tax base in the Metro Center Urban Renewal Project Area, and to preserve and create an environment which will protect the health, safety and general welfare of City residents.
 - b) The economic development incentives for the creation of the employment opportunities and development of the Improvements are provided by the City to Developer pursuant to the Urban Renewal Law and Chapter 15A of the Code of Iowa, and Developer's obligations under this Agreement to construct the Improvements will generate the following public gains and benefits: (i) it will advance the improvement and redevelopment of the Metro Center Urban Renewal Area in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan; (ii) it will encourage further private investment to reverse the pattern of disinvestment and declining property values in the surrounding area; and, (iii) it will further the City's efforts to retain and create job opportunities within the Urban Renewal Area which might otherwise be lost.
 - c) The construction of the Improvements is a speculative venture and the construction and resulting benefits would not occur without the economic incentives provided by this Agreement.



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- d) The City Council believes that the redevelopment of the Property pursuant to the Agreement, and the fulfillment generally of the Agreement, are in the vital and best interests of City and the health, safety, morals, and welfare of its residents, and in accord with the public purposes and provisions of the applicable state and local laws and requirements under which the project has been undertaken, and warrant the provision of the economic assistance set forth in the Agreement.
- 2. The Conceptual Development Plan for the project, which is contained in the Agreement, is hereby approved.
- 3. The First Amendment to Urban Renewal Development Agreement between the City and Neighborhood Development Corporation, is hereby approved. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Des Moines.
- 4. Upon requisition by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, the Finance Department shall advance the installments on the Economic Development Grant pursuant to Article 4 of the Agreement.
- 5. The City Manager or his designees are hereby authorized and directed to administer the Urban Renewal Development Agreement on behalf of the City, including the filing of the Agreement, and to monitor compliance by the Developer with the terms and conditions of the Agreement. The City Manager is further directed to forward to City Council all matters and documents that require City Council review and approval in accordance with the Agreement.

(Council Communication No. 17- 611)

MOVED by Gatto to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Thomas G. Fisher Jr., Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
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