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RESOLUTION RECEIVING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FROM CONNOLLY LOFTS ASSOCIATES, L.P. TO PURCHASE AND DEVELOP CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 401 SE 6TH STREET AND 400 SE 7TH STREET IN THE METRO CENTER URBAN RENEWAL AREA, AND SETTING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2000, by Roll Call Nos. 00-788 and 00-789, the City Council of the City of Des Moines approved the Urban Renewal Plan for the Metro Center Urban Renewal Project, and such Plan has been amended 24 times (the urban renewal plan as so amended is herein referred to as the "Plan"), encompassing an irregularly shaped area that includes the downtown core and the areas surrounding the downtown core; and

WHEREAS, City staff and Connolly Lofts Associates, L.P., represented by Frank Levy, Officer ("Developer"), have negotiated terms relating to the sale of City-owned property located at the intersections of SE 6th Street and East Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, locally known as 401 SE 6th Street and 400 SE 7th Street (collectively "Property") and located in the Market District, for development of a 4-story, estimated 57-unit multi-family residential building, including approximately 4 dwelling units affordable to households at or below 50% of area median income, and an estimated 49 on-site parking spaces for residents (collectively "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the Developer and City staff have negotiated an Urban Renewal Development Agreement ("Development Agreement") for Developer to purchase and develop the Property, which Development Agreement is in substantially the form on file in the office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Development Agreement, tendered herewith and to be executed by the Developer, proposes development of the Property as follows:

- 1. Purchase from the City and development of the Property, consisting of approximately 45,067 square feet of land and legally described as follows, for the above-described residential housing project:

PARCEL 2016-55 DESCRIPTION (PLAT OF SURVEY, POLK COUNTY RECORDER BOOK 17148, PAGE 240):

LOTS 1, 9, AND 10, A PORTION OF LOT 2, THE VACATED NORTH - SOUTH ALLEY WEST OF AND ADJACENT TO SAID LOTS 9 AND 10, ALL IN BLOCK 42, TOWN OF DE MOINE, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA; VACATED EAST ML KING JR PARKWAY SOUTH OF AND ADJOINING SAID LOTS 2 AND 9 AND THE INTERVENING ALLEY; VACATED RACCOON STREET NORTH OF AND ADJOINING SAID LOTS 1 AND 10 AND INTERVENING ALLEY; VACATED SE 7TH STREET BETWEEN RACCOON STREET AND EAST MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARKWAY, ALL MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN BLOCK 42 OF SAID TOWN OF DE MOINE; THENCE N30°00'30"E, A DISTANCE OF 8.51 FEET; THENCE N74°57'52"E, A DISTANCE OF 321.96 FEET; THENCE S14°53'27"E, A DISTANCE OF 139.84 FEET; THENCE S74°57'52"W, A DISTANCE OF 277.81 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A 77.50 FOOT RADIUS CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, A DISTANCE OF 56.76 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N79°48'35"W AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 55.50 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 42 OF



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SAID TOWN OF DE MOINE; THENCE N14°49'54"W ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 2 AND 1 IN BLOCK 42 OF SAID TOWN OF DE MOINE, A DISTANCE OF 110.18 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
SAID TRACT OF LAND CONTAINS 1.035 ACRES (45,067 SQUARE FEET).

2. Supplemental Economic Development Grant to be paid in 12 semi-annual installments, providing a declining percentage of project generated tax increment (TIF) funding starting at 100 percent in the first year of grant payments and declining to 75 percent in the sixth year of grant payments, in the estimated total amount of \$724,859.00, or \$432,161.00 on a net present value (NPV) basis.
3. Economic Development Forgivable Loan in the amount not to exceed \$444,366.00, advanced at the time of closing on Developer's purchase of the Property, which loan shall be forgiven if Developer constructs the required Improvements and qualifies for issuance of the Certificate of Completion; and

**WHEREAS**, said Development Agreement provides that the Developer will purchase the Property for the Purchase Price of \$830,000.00, subject to closing credit, if applicable, in the amount of the lowest of three bids estimating the cost of environmental remediation on the Property required by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), or other state or federal regulations, to be incurred by Developer and not to exceed \$200,000.00 regardless of bid amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed development of the Property furthers the objectives of the Plan to preserve and create an environment which will protect the health, safety and general welfare of City residents, and maintain taxable values and employment opportunities within the Urban Renewal Project Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic development incentives for the development of the Improvements shall be provided by the City to Developer pursuant to the Urban Renewal Law and Chapter 15A of the Code of Iowa, and Developer's obligations to construct the Improvements will generate the following public gains and benefits: it will advance the improvement and redevelopment of the Project Area in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan; it will establish conditions which attract further new investments and prevent the recurrence of blight and blighting conditions; it will encourage further private investment and will attract and retain residents and businesses in the Market District area; and it will further the City's efforts to retain and create job opportunities within the Project Area which might otherwise be lost; and

**WHEREAS**, City believes that the redevelopment of the Property pursuant to the proposed Development Agreement, and the fulfillment generally of the proposed Development 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 will be undertaken, and warrant the provision of the economic assistance set forth in the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to hearing on the sale and Development Agreement, Developer will submit a good faith deposit in the amount of \$37,630.00 for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate that the City Council take certain actions in accordance with Iowa Code Section 403.8 with respect to the Property in order to accept the proposal for the development of the Property and give full and fair opportunity for other potential developers to submit a proposal for the development of the Property; and



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**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that the acceptance of the Developer's proposal and the Development Agreement to develop the Property and the advertisement for competing development proposals is in the best interests of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

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

1. The Developer's proposal, which includes the terms stated above and the proposed Development Agreement in substantially the form on file with the City Clerk for development of the Property (hereinafter collectively "Proposal"), be and is hereby received and approved as to form for the purposes hereinafter stated.
2. For the purposes of defining the competitive bid process for purchase and development of the Property, said Proposal of Developer shall be deemed to be and to illustrate the minimum proposal acceptable to the City of Des Moines in terms of: general form of proposal and data required for competing proposals; Property description; purchase price, time for commencement and completion of improvements; time permitted for conceptual plan submission and review; development requirements for improvements; construction plans and certificate of completion; urban renewal covenants; remedies; parking lease agreement; and all miscellaneous provisions.
3. Competing proposals to the Developer's Proposal shall:
  - A. Provide a detailed description of the proposed development that shall be substantially similar to or superior than the developer proposed by Developer.
  - B. Devise a proposed method and sources of financing which must be adequate to assure financing of the development in a timely manner.
  - C. Provide a good faith deposit in the amount of \$37,630.00 for the Property, in acceptable form to the City of Des Moines.
4. It is hereby determined that the Developer possesses the qualifications and financial resources necessary to purchase and develop the Property in the manner stated in its Proposal and the proposed Development Agreement in accordance with the Plan.
5. It is hereby determined that the purchase price for the Property of \$830,000.00, to be paid by the Developer, meets the fair market value thereof for uses in accordance with the Plan and shall be the established minimum sales price for the competitive bid process, taking into account the restrictions upon the Property, and the terms, covenants, conditions and obligations assumed by the Developer for construction of the improvements on the Property in accordance with the terms of the proposed Development Agreement.
6. The City Clerk shall retain for public examination the Proposal and proposed Development Agreement in substantially the form on file and in the event of no timely qualified competing proposals, the City Clerk and staff shall submit the same to this Council for formal consideration, approval and execution at a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 400 E. Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa, during the regular City Council meeting of November 18, 2019.



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7. The City Clerk shall be authorized to publish, on or before October 18, 2019, the attached notice of the competitive bid process and the City's intent to accept the Developer's Proposal and to enter into the proposed Development Agreement if no competing proposals are received.
8. This resolution, the Proposal and proposed Development Agreement shall be on file at the office of the City Clerk, mailing and physical address: City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.
9. Approval and acceptance of the Developer's Proposal is conditioned upon there being no better proposal submitted by a competitor for the development of the Property within the period hereinafter stated.
10. This competitive bid process, conducted in accordance with the terms of this resolution, is hereby determined to comply with the provisions of Iowa Code Section 403.8(2), requiring "reasonable competitive bidding procedures" for the sale of the Property and this competitive bid process is hereby determined to be the appropriate method for making the Property available for development in accordance with the Plan.
11. The submittal of proposals and statements by competing developers, including the form of Development Agreement executed by competing developers, shall be in substantial conformance with the provisions of this resolution.
12. All inquiries regarding the terms and conditions of this competitive bid process must be submitted in writing to the Office of Economic Development, mailing and physical address: Office of Economic Development, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. All responses to inquiries shall be made in writing and will be kept on file at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, and the Office of Economic Development, City Hall. No written inquiries shall be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2019.
13. Written competing proposals for the purchase and development of the Property must be received in the Office of Economic Development on or before 5:00 p.m., November 8, 2019. Said proposals shall be received in the Office of Economic Development located at City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. Each proposal will then be submitted to City Council at the public hearing on November 18, 2019.
14. The Office of Economic Development staff is directed to receive competing proposals for the purchase and development of the Property and prepare a report on each competing proposal for the City Council, regarding the following, to wit:
  - A. The degree to which the proposal meets the objectives and requirements of the Plan, as amended.
  - B. The ability of the competing developer to commence and complete the development activity in an expeditious and timely manner.
  - C. Ambiguity or lack of information in the proposal shall be judged negatively.



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15. Following public hearing on November 18, 2019, as set herein above, the City Council may take action to select the Developer's Proposal, a competing proposal, or no proposal, to continue the hearing, and/or to approve sale of the Property.

(Council Comm. No. 19-453)

MOVED BY Gatto to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Baumgartner, Acting 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.

Laura Baumgartner

Acting City Clerk