



Roll Call Number

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Date September 14, 2020

RESOLUTION HOLDING HEARING ON REQUEST FROM LAWMARK, L. P. (OWNER) FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE “FINANCIAL CENTER” PROPERTY LOCATED AT 606-666 WALNUT AND 207 7TH STREET, DES MOINES, IOWA, AS A LOCAL LANDMARK

WHEREAS, the Owner of the Financial Center, Lawmark, L. P., has made application to designate the Financial Center, located at 606-666 Walnut and 207 7th Street, Des Moines, as a local landmark; and

WHEREAS, the property is Legally Described as follows:

Lots 1-4 and west half of Lots 7-8, the N-S alley, and part of the E-W alley of Block 11, Original Plat of Fort Des Moines, along with certain easements, leases, and encroachments

WHEREAS, the application submitted contains detailed references to the historical nature of the “Financial Center” being associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, and embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, the Landmark Review Board unanimously approved the recommendation that the “Financial Center” be designated a local Landmark; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2020, the Plan and Zoning Commission, by a vote of 12-0-1, recommended to the Council **APPROVAL** of the said application; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Municipal Code Section 58-60 requires a public hearing be held to consider the application.

WHEREAS on August 17, 2020, by Roll Call No. 20-____, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the communication from the Plan and Zoning Commission be received and filed, and that the application from Lawmark L.P. for Declaration of a Local Landmark be set down for hearing on September 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. by electronic means to encourage and maintain social distancing to curb the spread of COVID19 in the community, without public access to the meeting location; and

WHEREAS, due notice of said hearing was published in the Des Moines Register, as provided by law, setting forth the time and place for hearing on said proposed Declaration of Local Landmark; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said notice, those interested in said proposed Local Landmark designation, both for and against, have been given opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council.



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

- 1. Upon due consideration of the facts, and any and all statements of interested persons and arguments of counsel, any objections to the proposed Declaration of Local Landmark for the Property, "Financial Center" are hereby overruled, and the hearing is closed.
2. The Financial Center meets the requirements of Des Moines Municipal Code section 58-58 to be designated as a local landmark because the structure:
i. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; and
ii. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction.
3. The City Council accepts the recommendation of the Landmark Review Board and the Plan and Zoning Commission and grants the application of the Owner to have the Financial Center designated a local landmark.
4. The City Clerk is directed to file the designation and description of the Financial Center with the Community Development Department and record this resolution as the designation and description of the Financial Center in the office of the county recorder.

MOVED BY Mandelbaum to grant the application for the Designation of the Financial Center as a local landmark.

(Council Communication No. 20-384)

FORM APPROVED: Judy K. Parks-Kruse, Assistant City Attorney

(20-2021-4.01)

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CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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.

J. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk