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Date September 12, 2022

SET HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS FOR VACATION OF EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJOINING 1626 DIXON STREET, 1730 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE AND 1637 EAST 17TH STREET AND CONVEYANCE TO LIBERTY HOLDINGS, INC. FOR \$13,725

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-1245, the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa voted to receive and file a recommendation from the City Plan and Zoning Commission to approve a request from JSB Fiontair, LLC to vacate a segment of the east-west street right-of-way of East Jefferson Avenue located to the west of Dixon Street, Des Moines, Iowa, subject to the reservation of any necessary easements for all existing utilities in place until abandoned or relocated at the applicant's expense; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2022, the City Plan and Zoning Commission voted to recommend to the City of Des Moines City Council the approval of a request from Liberty Holdings, Inc. to vacate the easternmost 255 lineal feet of East Jefferson Avenue right-of-way located west of Dixon Street and adjoining 1626 Dixon Street, Des Moines, Iowa, subject to the reservation of any necessary easements for all existing utilities in place until abandoned or relocated at the applicant's expense; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Holdings, Inc., owner of 1626 Dixon Street, has offered to the City of Des Moines ("City") the purchase price of \$13,725.00 for the purchase of a portion of vacated East Jefferson Avenue right-of-way, and a portion of excess City property, all adjoining their property, (hereinafter "Property") for assemblage with its adjoining property, subject to the reservation of any necessary easements for all existing utilities in place until such time that they are abandoned or relocated, which price reflects the fair market value of the City Property as determined by the City's Real Estate Division; and

WHEREAS, the City has no known current or anticipated public need for the street right-of-way proposed to be vacated, and the City will not be inconvenienced by the vacation of said Property and conveyance of a portion of said vacated right-of-way, and a portion of excess City property, to Liberty Holdings, Inc.

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

1. That the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, shall consider adoption of an ordinance permanently vacating the east-west East Jefferson Avenue right-of-way located west of Dixon Street and adjoining 1626 Dixon Street, 1730 East Washington Avenue and 1637 East 17th Street, legally described as follows:

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ALL THAT PART OF EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE RIGHT OF WAY LYING BETWEEN THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST LINE OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 6 AND THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE CENTERLINE OF LOT G (DIXON COURT), ALL IN T.E. BROWN'S OFFICIAL PLAT OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 79 NORTH, RANGE 24 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. (EXCEPT THE NORTHEAST 40 ACRES), AN OFFICIAL PLAT, ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.29 ACRES (12,750 SQUARE FEET).

AND,

ALL THAT PART OF EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE RIGHT OF WAY LYING BETWEEN THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 8 AND THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE CENTERLINE OF LOT G (DIXON COURT), ALL IN T.E. BROWN'S OFFICIAL PLAT OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 79 NORTH, RANGE 24 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. (EXCEPT THE NORTHEAST 40 ACRES), AN OFFICIAL PLAT, ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.44 ACRES (19,000 SQUARE FEET).

2. The City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, further proposes to sell a portion of the vacated East Jefferson Avenue right-of-way, and a portion of excess City property, all adjoining 1626 Dixon Street, as legally described, to the grantee, and for the consideration identified below, subject to a reservation of easements therein:

Grantee: Liberty Holdings, Inc.

Consideration: \$13,725.00

Legal Description:

ALL THAT PART OF VACATED EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE RIGHT OF WAY LYING BETWEEN THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST LINE OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 6 AND THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT G (VACATED DIXON COURT);

AND,

THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF LOT I (VACATED DIXON COURT) LYING EAST OF AND ADJOINING LOT 1 OF BLOCK 9, ALL IN T.E. BROWN'S OFFICIAL PLAT OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 79 NORTH, RANGE 24 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. (EXCEPT THE NORTHEAST 40 ACRES), AN OFFICIAL PLAT,

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ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.35 ACRES (15,250 SQUARE FEET).

3. That the meeting of the City Council at which the adoption of said ordinance and the sale and conveyance of such Property is to be considered shall be on October 3, 2022, said meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. Persons interested in the proposal will be given the opportunity to express their views at that hearing.

In addition, the City Council shall receive written views, comments, objections and arguments from any resident or taxpayer of the City that are received by the City Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. September 29, 2022 (City Clerk's Office, Des Moines City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, 1st Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309; Email cityclerk@dmgov.org).

Please check the posted agenda in advance of the October 3, 2022 meeting for any update on the manner in which the public hearing will be conducted to comply with COVID-19 social distancing and safety guidelines.

4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said proposal and hearing in the form hereto attached, all in accordance with Section 362.3 of the Iowa Code.

5. Non-project related land sale proceeds are used to support general operating budget expenses: Org – EG064090.

Moved by Gatto to adopt.
Second by Boesen.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Mackenzie L. Moreno
Mackenzie L. Moreno, Assistant City Attorney

Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COWNIE, BOESEN, GATTO, MANDELBAUM, SHEUMAKER, VOSS, WESTERGAARD, and TOTAL (YEAS: 7).

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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.

Handwritten signature of J. M. Frankel, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk