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**RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION AND PROPOSAL  
TO TAKE ACTION FOR EXPANSION AND CONTINUATION OF THE  
DOWNTOWN DES MOINES SELF-SUPPORTED MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, on February 23, 1998, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 13,579 which established the Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District ("SSMID" or "District") pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 386, Code of Iowa (the "Act") and which provided for the establishment of an Operation Fund and the levy of an annual tax in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 13,913 passed January 2, 2001, Ordinance No. 14,311 passed January 26, 2004, Ordinance No. 14,540 passed February 6, 2006, Ordinance No. 14,834 passed February 23, 2009, Ordinance No. 15,218 passed September 23, 2013, and Ordinance No. 15,700 passed September 10, 2018, the City Council continued the Downtown Des Moines SSMID and continued the Operation Fund and levy until June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2023, by Roll Call No. 23-0741, the City Council received a petition to expand the Downtown Des Moines SSMID by adding to the District parcels abutting I-235 Avenue east of Keo Way, parcels north of Park Street and south of I-235 between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street, parcels north of Des Moines Street and south of I-235 between East 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2023, by Roll Call No. 23-0741, the City Council received a petition to continue the Downtown Des Moines SSMID to serve the following purposes:

1. Undertaking of actions and the design and construction of any and all improvements authorized by the Act and the performance of administration, redevelopment, and revitalization of the District, as authorized by the Act, any and all of which actions and improvements are intended to benefit the district.
2. To continue an operation fund with respect to the District to be known as the "Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Operation Fund" (the "Operation Fund"), and levy an annual tax (the "Operation Tax") upon the property, as defined in the Act (provided, however, that parcels of property assessed as residential property for property tax purposes are exempt from the Operation Tax) within the District (the "Property") for the purposes of: (a) paying the administrative expenses of the District, as defined and authorized in the Act, or (b) paying part or all of the maintenance expenses of "improvements" or "self-liquidating improvements" as defined in the Act, with respect to the District, for a period of 10 years, commencing with the levy of taxes for collection in the



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fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and continuing for 9 additional years; at a rate not to exceed \$2.25 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation.

3. To continue to hold and disburse all amounts collected in the Operation Fund to be utilized for any one or more of the following purposes, at such times, in such amounts and under such conditions as shall be recommended to the City Council by the Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District, an Iowa non-profit corporation:
  - a. Enhanced maintenance, cleaning and upkeep of public spaces within the District.
  - b. Graffiti removal on public property and private buildings within the District.
  - c. Enhanced public and property safety and crime prevention within the District, including the operation of a "Goodwill Ambassador" program as determined and operated from time to time by the Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal District.
  - d. Development, marketing, promotion and management of activities and events within the District.
  - e. Capital, physical or other improvements designed to enhance the image and appearance of the District, including but not limited to improvements to the skywalk system.
  - f. Management and operation of public spaces within the District, including public parking facilities.
  - g. Research and planning services benefiting the District.
  - h. Parking and transportation management benefiting the District.
  - i. Activities and operations benefiting the District under any agreements with the City of Des Moines or other public or quasi public entities.
  - j. Recommendations regarding, and the promotion of, the District and the advancement of the District, including with respect to the use of public spaces within the District, the types of public spaces and services within the District, the services and improvements within the District, policies and practices for the District, business retention and attraction within the District, and activities and events within the District.
  - k. Other activities intended to benefit or further the purposes or interests of the District and the development and advancement of the District.
4. To continue the operating agreement between the City of Des Moines and Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District with respect to managing and undertaking the services, improvements and activities described in the Petition and in the annual budget for such services, improvements and activities, and to appropriate and provide funds held from time to time in the Operation Fund to Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District to be utilized for the purposes described in the Petition.
5. To require Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District, as a condition to the disbursement of funds from the Operation Fund, to submit to the Des



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Moines City Council, no later than December 1 of each year, a budget showing, in general terms, the proposed expenditures of such funds for the fiscal year beginning on the next July 1.

WHEREAS, the Petition was referred to the City Plan and Zoning Commission for preparation of an evaluative report for the Council on the merit and feasibility on expansion and continuation of the Downtown Des Moines SSMID project and to make recommendations with respect to continuation of the Downtown Des Moines SSMID as required by Iowa Code Chapter 386; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission considered the expansion and continuation of the Downtown Des Moines SSMID project on June 15, 2023 and has submitted its final report and recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 386 provides that upon receipt of the final report of the Plan and Zoning Commission the Council shall set a time and place for a hearing upon the Petition and shall cause proper notice to be given; and

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

1. That the City Council consider the Petition and proposal to take action for expansion and continuation of the Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District. That the meeting of the City Council at which said proposal is to be considered shall be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Des Moines, Iowa, at 5:00 p.m. on July 17, 2023, at which time the City Council will hear both those who oppose and those who favor the proposal.
2. That notice of said proposal shall be given by publication once, not less than four nor more than 20 days before the date of hearing, all as specified in Sections 386.3(4) and 362.3 of the Iowa Code.
3. That notice of said proposal shall also be given by mailing notice by certified mail not less than 15 days before the hearing to each owner of property within the District and within the proposed expansion area at the owner's address as shown by the records of the County Auditor, all as specified in Section 386.3(4) of the Iowa Code.
4. The notice referred to above shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which contains that information required by Section 386.3(5).



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MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT

SECOND BY Voss

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill
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Assistant City Attorney

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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.

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk