



**Roll Call Number**

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**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date** August 19, 2024

**SET HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS FOR CONVEYANCE OF  
EXCESS CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1400 E. 17<sup>TH</sup> COURT  
TO POLK COUNTY, IOWA FOR \$1.00**

**WHEREAS**, Polk County has received Federal Department of Treasury funds within the Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP2). Within those funds, they are required to expend the large share through rent assistance and can withhold a percentage for the creation of affordable housing. To align with the recent Homelessness Gaps Analysis Study, Polk County is using the remaining funds to build 40 to 50 infill, single-family homes to increase services available to families experiencing homelessness and larger immigrant families struggling to secure affordable rentals. Polk County has a plan to fund and ensure case management and families that are a good fit to shift from a rental into a lease-to-purchase option; and

**WHEREAS**, Polk County has reached out to partnering cities to identify any excess property that would be appropriate for single-family home construction. The City-owned property at 1400 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Court has been identified by City staff as excess property that could pass an environmental review (required for use of Federal Funds) and be appropriate for new home construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City proposes to convey 1400 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Court to Polk County, Iowa at no cost, subject to the reservation of any necessary easements for all existing utilities in place until such time that they are abandoned or relocated, for the public purpose of construction of single-family affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no known current or future public need or benefit for the City Property proposed to be conveyed, and the City will not be inconvenienced by the conveyance of said Property.

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

1. The City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, proposes to convey excess City-owned property located at 1400 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Court, as described below, to Polk County, Iowa at no cost, subject to reservation of easements therein, for the public purpose of construction of single-family affordable housing:

LOT 24 AND THE WEST 7 FEET WEST AND ADJACENT TO SAID LOT 24 IN BLOCK 3, STALFORD & DIXON'S ADDITION, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 5,760 SQUARE FEET.

2. A public hearing shall be held on September 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. At that time the City Council will consider the above-described proposal and any other(s) submitted prior to or during the public hearing.

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In addition, the City Council shall receive written views, comments, objections and arguments from any resident of taxpayer of the City that are received by the City Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. on September 12, 2024 (City Clerk’s Office, Des Moines City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309; E-mail [cityclerk@dmgov.org](mailto:cityclerk@dmgov.org)).

3. 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.

4. There will be no proceeds associated with the conveyance of this property.

Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Coleman.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED  
Connie Boeser Mayor

Laura Baumgartner  
Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk