



Date June 8, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER FIRE STATION #4 BUILDING LOCATED AT 917 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, Iowa ("City") owns the property located at 917 University Avenue (the "Property"), which Property is the site of the former Fire Station 4 initially constructed in 1959 and containing approximately 8,600 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the former fire station has now been decommissioned following the relocation of fire operations to a new facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to facilitate the productive reuse and redevelopment of the Property in a manner that preserves community value, promotes economic activity, and advances the long-term goals of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that a competitive Request for Proposals ("RFP") process is the most effective means of identifying qualified development partners and evaluating redevelopment opportunities for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the RFP is to identify a respondent possessing the experience, financial capacity, technical expertise, and redevelopment vision necessary to transform the Property into an active, economically productive, and community-serving asset; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates the redevelopment of the Property may involve the sale and transfer of the Property to a selected developer; however, the City may also consider lease arrangements if a proposal demonstrates substantial public benefit, financial feasibility, and consistency with the City's redevelopment objectives; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of the RFP does not obligate the City to select any respondent, enter into any agreement, sell or lease the Property, or proceed with any proposed redevelopment project, all of which shall remain subject to future City Council review and approval.

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

- 1. The Request for Proposals for redevelopment of the Property is hereby approved, and City staff is authorized to issue and administer the RFP substantially in the form presented to the City Council.



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(Council Communication No. 26-205)

Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Emily A. Duffy
Emily A. Duffy
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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Connie Boesen
Mayor

Laura Baumgartner
City Clerk