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**SET HEARING FOR VACATION OF A PORTION OF BATES PARK  
LOCATED AT 220 CLARK STREET**

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2026, the Parks and Recreation Board voted to approve a recommendation from the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department that the City Council of the City of Des Moines vacate a portion of Bates Park located at 220 Clark Street, Des Moines, Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no known current or future public need or benefit for the portion of Bates Park, legally described below, proposed to be vacated and the City will not be inconvenienced by the vacation of said portion of Bates Park as parkland.

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

1. That the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, shall consider adoption of an ordinance permanently vacating a portion of Bates Park, more specifically described as follows:

LOTS 57 THROUGH 60 IN MARSHALL'S SECOND ADDITION, AN OFFICIAL PLAT,

AND

ALL OF LOT "A" IN SAID MARSHALL'S SECOND ADDITION LYING WEST OF AND ADJOINING SAID LOTS 56 THROUGH 60,

AND

ALL OF THE VACATED 7.50 FEET WIDE NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY RIGHT OF WAY IN BATES' SECOND ADDITION, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, LYING EAST OF AND ADJOINING LOTS 86 THROUGH 89 OF SAID BATES' SECOND ADDITION,

ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.71 ACRES (31,051 SQUARE FEET).

2. That the meeting of the City Council at which the adoption of said ordinance is to be considered shall be on May 4, 2026, said meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, T.M. Franklin Cowmie City Administration Building, 1200 Locust Street, 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. Persons interested in the proposal will be given the opportunity to express their views at the hearing.

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3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said proposal in the form hereto attached all in accordance with §362.3 of the Iowa Code.

(Council Communication No. 26-137)

Moved by Voss to adopt. Second by Barron.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill
Chas M. Cahill, Assistant City Attorney

Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include BOESEN, SIMONSON, VOSS, COLEMAN, WESTERGAARD, MANDELBAUM, GATTO, and TOTAL.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED
Connie Breen Mayor

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.

Laura Baumgartner
Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk