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Agenda Item Number

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Date November 7, 2011

Request from *Save the Capital Square Post Office Coalition*, to speak regarding the closing of the Capital Square Post Office.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, 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.

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Mayor

City Clerk

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Request from Save the Capital Square Post Office Coalition

To speak regarding the December 26, 2011 announced closing of the U.S. Post Office at Capital Square because the same will inconvenience all who live and work downtown to the degree that it will have a negative impact on commerce in the downtown area.

Mary McGee

201 Locust Apt 341

280-1281

REGISTRATION FORM TO SPEAK AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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To: The Honorable Mayor
and
Members of the City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa
c/o City Clerk

I/We Save the Capital Sq. P.O. Coalition
(Please Print)

hereby request permission to speak at the Des Moines City Council
meeting of Nov. 7, 2011, regarding

the Dec. 26, 2011 announced closing of the
U.S. P.O. at Capital Square because ^{the} same
will incur expense all who live and work
downtown to the degree that it will have
a negative impact on commerce in the
downtown area.

Name: Mary J. Miller
(Signature)

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Daytime Phone: 280-1281

PROCEDURAL RULES OF DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL:

Part III. Agenda

Rule 16. Citizen Agenda Requests. Any citizen may request
the right to have an item placed on the Agenda (including a
request to speak) by filing such request in writing with the City
Clerk prior to noon on the Wednesday preceding the Council
meeting.

Part V. Citizen Participation

Rule 27. Citizen's Right to Address Council. Persons other
than Council Members shall be permitted to address the Council
only upon specific Agenda Items.

DID YOU KNOW

The Capitol Square Post Office in Des Moines is scheduled to close on December 26, 2011.

Are you one of the thousands of people who use the Capitol Square Post Office each week for personal or business reasons?

Did you know there was a public hearing regarding the closing? Did you have a chance to comment on it?

Do you have a box at the Capitol Square station and were never told about either the hearing or the closing?

Our City of Des Moines is trying very hard to revitalize the downtown area with more shops, businesses, services, and housing. Without having a post office downtown, we will get into a car and take our postal needs elsewhere. Moreover, if we no longer have a box downtown, why not use the service at Dahl's on Ingersoll? Since the car is out, why not take the dry cleaning along and move the family prescriptions too? Since Dahl's offers all of this at one location, *why not?*

The Capitol Square Post Office will merely be another of many businesses to wither and die downtown. And, if the current businesses cannot survive, no new businesses will take a chance on downtown Des Moines. Result: we all lose.

Downtown living offers an environmentally-friendly lifestyle with an opportunity to run errands, walk to work, or go to a play and out to eat, all without taking the car out of the lot.

No longer will downtown employees just run off to the post office on lunch break. They will have to get in the car to drop off the business mail. While they're out, they'll go to lunch outside the downtown area, taking away from another downtown business.

Members of the National Federation of the Blind, Des Moines Chapter (NFB-DM) are directly affected by the closing of this post office. We may have different circumstances, but the impact of the closing is the same for us all. We all lose. *A healthy Downtown is important to all of us.*

Join the NFB-DM Chapter and others to save our Capitol Square Post Office. We would like your support and suggestions to bring attention and prompt a re-consideration of this action before it closes next month.

**To get involved, contact, National Federation of the Blind, Des Moines Chapter
Peggy Chong, 515-277-1288, or peggychong@earthlink.net**

