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Date May 5, 2014.....

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ENDORSING THE CAPITAL CROSSROADS: CAPITAL CORE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines and its staff, and local public and private leaders and representatives, are participants in the Capital Crossroads strategic planning program for the Greater Des Moines region, and specifically in the Capital Core plan and Neighborhood Improvement Subcommittee thereof, as established to carry out collaborative planning activities for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the City and its representatives to the Capital Core plan and Neighborhood Improvement Subcommittee have participated in the development of the Capital Crossroads: Capital Core Neighborhood Improvement Implementation Plan, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, setting forth a voluntary plan for local jurisdictions and stakeholder organizations, including the City, which does not dictate specific funding strategies or policy decisions that are within the authority of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Improvement Implementation Plan incorporates, among other terms, the following proposed initiatives:

1. Addressing blighted residential properties by identifying and acquiring such properties, creating a land bank for rehabilitation and redevelopment purposes, enacting an exterior property maintenance code for private ownership which is enforced at time-of-sale, and creating a handbook of best practices and incentive programs;
2. Building value-added housing in existing neighborhoods by creating and packaging sites for infill development, researching development incentives and best practices, and promoting development adjoining workplaces;
3. Revitalizing neighborhood commercial areas by creating a strategic plan, increasing funding for Neighborhood Development Corporation, addressing vacant and blighted commercial properties and increasing funding for infrastructure and streetscape projects;
4. Upgrading infrastructure by bringing neighborhood infrastructure up to minimum standards, increasing investment in the Neighborhood Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program, coordinating infrastructure improvements with commercial development, and funding neighborhood infrastructure projects; and
5. Improving perceptions and connections of Des Moines neighborhoods and its school district by developing a coordinated marketing initiative, improving communication, and developing and supporting neighborhood leadership; and

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WHEREAS, implementation of the initiatives set forth in the Neighborhood Improvement Implementation Plan would require further Council consideration and action, and private and public funding sources for such implementation remain to be identified.

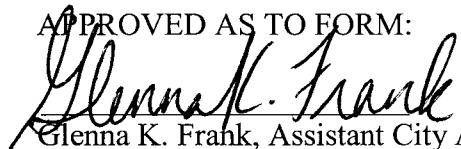
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines Iowa, that:

1. The City of Des Moines endorses the Capital Crossroads: Capital Core Neighborhood Implementation Plan, and the goals of the initiatives presented therein.
2. To the extent determined by the City Council to be in the best interest of the City and the public, the City Council may adopt future resolutions to implement some or all of the proposed initiatives set forth in the Plan.
3. The City, by its selected representatives, will participate in a funding strategy committee related to the Plan if so established by the Capital Crossroads program, and the City Manager and his designee(s) are authorized and directed to provide staffing for the Capital Crossroads funding strategy committee, and to report back to City Council with findings of the Committee.

(Council Communication No. **14-212**)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Moved by _____ to adopt.


Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
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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.

_____ City Clerk