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Date December 23, 2013

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE ACTIONS RELATING TO THE FIRE DAMAGED WAREHOUSE AT 1422 SCOTT AVENUE

WHEREAS, the abandoned warehouse structure at 1422 Scott Avenue was severely damaged by a fire that started on August 29, 2013 and burned for three days resulting in the collapse of portions of the roof, and the removal of portions of the building's exterior cladding to allow firefighting operations; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for environmental testing and the removal of the building and contents is approximately \$550,000, due to the extensive structural damage to the building and the existence of approximately 6,700 cubic yards of construction debris that was stored inside the building, with property acquisition costs remaining to be determined; and,

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has requested the City's assistance in demolishing the structure and removing the debris as its efforts to have the responsible parties undertake the site cleanup have not been successful; and,

WHEREAS, the condition of the building and grounds constitute a nuisance and a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, after extensive research and investigation by the City staff, the City Manager recommends that to quickly abate the nuisance conditions existing on the property with the least risk to the community, the City should acquire the property, subject to results of environmental testing, and solicit bids for the demolition and cleanup.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to have the City staff prepare an amendment to the SE Agribusiness Urban Renewal Plan, and to take other necessary preliminary actions, including environmental testing of the site and materials, to determine the feasibility of acquisition, building demolition, and debris cleanup of the fire damaged warehouse at 1422 Scott Avenue, and to negotiate an agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for funding participation, for consideration by the City Council at the earliest feasible date.

(Council Communication No. 13- 623)

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MOVED by Voss to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Roger K. Brown

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Assistant City Attorney

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
VOSS	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin Council Mayor

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.

Diane Rauh

City Clerk