Resolution 23-183

ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON AGENDA

CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA
June 26, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Valley View North Urban Renewal Plan

- Public hearing on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Western Ridge Apartments, LLC.

- Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Council Bluffs and Western Ridge Apartments, LLC.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. The above agenda items should be included, along with any other agenda items, in the meeting agenda. The agenda should be posted on a bulletin board or other prominent place easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office of the body holding the meeting. If no such office exists, the notice must be posted at the building in which the meeting is to be held.

2. If you do not now have a bulletin board designated as above mentioned, designate one and establish a uniform policy of posting your notices of meeting and tentative agenda.

3. Notice and tentative agenda must be posted at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 21,
CODE OF IOWA, AND THE LOCAL RULES OF THE CITY.

June 26, 2023

The City Council of the City of Council Bluffs in the State of Iowa, met in regular session, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa, at 7:00 P.M., on the above date. There were present Mayor Walsh, in the chair, and the following named Council Members:

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Absent: _____

Vacant: _____

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The Mayor announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing and meeting on the matter of the proposal to approve and authorize execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Council Bluffs and Western Ridge Apartments, LLC, and that notice of the proposed action by the Council to enter into said Agreement had been published pursuant to the provisions of Section 362.3, Code of Iowa.

The Mayor then asked the Clerk whether any written objections had been filed by any City resident or property owner to the proposed action. The Clerk advised the Mayor and the Council that _____ written objections had been filed. The Mayor then called for oral objections and _____ were made. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed.

(Attach here a summary of objections received or made, if any)

The Council then considered the proposed action and the extent of objections thereto.

Whereupon, Council Member _____ introduced and delivered to the Clerk the Resolution hereinafter set out entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS AND WESTERN RIDGE APARTMENTS, LLC", and moved:

☐ that the Resolution be adopted.

☐ to defer action on the Resolution and the proposal to the meeting to be held at _____ _____.M. on the _____ day of _____, 2023, at this place.

Council Member _____ seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the vote was:

AYES: _____

_____

NAYS: _____

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the measure duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-183

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS AND WESTERN RIDGE APARTMENTS, LLC

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-125, adopted May 9, 2022, this Council found and determined that certain areas located within the City are eligible and should be designated as an urban renewal area under Iowa law, and approved and adopted the Valley View North Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan" or "Urban Renewal Plan") for the Valley View North Urban Renewal Area (the "Area" or "Urban Renewal Area") described therein, which Plan is on file in the office of the Recorder of Pottawattamie County; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has subsequently been amended, lastly by an Amendment No. 1, adopted by Resolution No. 23-58, on February 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that properties within the Area be redeveloped as part of the overall redevelopment area covered by said Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a proposal from Western Ridge Apartments, LLC (the "Developer"), in the form of a proposed Development Agreement (the "Agreement") by and between the City and the Developer, pursuant to which, among other things, the Developer would agree to construct certain Minimum Improvements (as defined in the Agreement) on certain real property located within the Urban Renewal Area as defined and legally described in the Agreement (the "Development Property") and consisting of the removal of all trees and debris from site, raising the Development Property out of the floodplain, and constructing an apartment building to include no fewer than 90 multi-family Housing Units, together with all related site improvements, as outlined in the proposed Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further proposes that the City will make up to fourteen (14) consecutive annual payments of Blight Remediation Grants to Developer consisting of 78% of the Tax Increments pursuant to Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, and generated by the construction of the Minimum Improvements, the cumulative total for all such payments not to exceed the lesser of $2,000,000, or the amount accrued under the formula outlined in the proposed Agreement, under the terms and following satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also proposes that Developer and the City will enter into a Minimum Assessment Agreement with the County setting the minimum actual value of the Minimum Improvements for tax purposes at not less than $10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 15A and 403, Code of Iowa, authorize cities to make grants for blight remediation and economic development in furtherance of the objectives of an urban renewal project and to appropriate such funds and make such expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of said Chapters, and to levy taxes and assessments for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the Agreement is in the best interests of the City and the residents thereof and that the performance by the City of its obligations thereunder is

a public undertaking and purpose and in furtherance of the Plan and the Urban Renewal Law and, further, that the Agreement and the City's performance thereunder is in furtherance of appropriate blight remediation and economic development activities and objectives of the City within the meaning of Chapters 15A and 403, Code of Iowa, taking into account any or all of the factors set forth in Chapter 15A, Code of Iowa, to wit:

a. Businesses that add diversity to or generate new opportunities for the Iowa economy should be favored over those that do not.

b. Development policies in the dispensing of the funds should attract, retain, or expand businesses that produce exports or import substitutes, or which generate tourism-related activities.

c. Development policies in the dispensing or use of the funds should be targeted toward businesses that generate public gains and benefits, which gains and benefits are warranted in comparison to the amount of the funds dispensed.

d. Development policies in dispensing the funds should not be used to attract a business presently located within the state to relocate to another portion of the state unless the business is considering in good faith to relocate outside the state or unless the relocation is related to an expansion which will generate significant new job creation. Jobs created as a result of other jobs in similar Iowa businesses being displaced shall not be considered direct jobs for the purpose of dispensing funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice published as required by law, this Council has held a public meeting and hearing upon the proposal to approve and authorize execution of the Agreement and has considered the extent of objections received from residents or property owners as to said proposed Agreement; and, accordingly the following action is now considered to be in the best interests of the City and residents thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS IN THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the performance by the City of its obligations under the Agreement, including but not limited to making of grants to the Developer in connection with the development of the Development Property under the terms set forth in the Agreement, be and is hereby declared to be a public undertaking and purpose and in furtherance of the Plan and the Urban Renewal Law and, further, that the Agreement and the City's performance thereunder is in furtherance of appropriate blight remediation and economic development activities and objectives of the City within the meaning of Chapters 15A and 403, Code of Iowa, taking into account the factors set forth therein.

Section 2. That the form and content of the Agreement, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference, be and the same hereby are in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed, and the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they hereby are authorized, empowered and directed to execute, attest, seal and deliver the Agreement for and on behalf of the City in substantially the form and content now before this meeting, but with such changes, modifications,

additions or deletions therein as shall be approved by such officers, and that from and after the execution and delivery of the Agreement, the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Agreement as executed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of June, 2023.

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF IOWA)
) SS
COUNTY OF POTTAWATTAMIE)

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Council Bluffs, State of Iowa, do hereby certify that attached is a true and complete copy of the portion of the records of the City showing proceedings of the Council, and the same is a true and complete copy of the action taken by the Council with respect to the matter at the meeting held on the date indicated in the attachment, which proceedings remain in full force and effect, and have not been amended or rescinded in any way; that meeting and all action thereat was duly and publicly held in accordance with a notice of meeting and tentative agenda, a copy of which was timely served on each member of the Council and posted on a bulletin board or other prominent place easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office of the Council pursuant to the local rules of the Council and the provisions of Chapter 21, Code of Iowa, upon reasonable advance notice to the public and media at least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of the meeting as required by law and with members of the public present in attendance; I further certify that the individuals named therein were on the date thereof duly and lawfully possessed of their respective city offices as indicated therein, that no Council vacancy existed except as may be stated in the proceedings, and that no controversy or litigation is pending, prayed or threatened involving the incorporation, organization, existence or boundaries of the City or the right of the individuals named therein as officers to their respective positions.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Council hereto affixed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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City Clerk, City of Council Bluffs, State of Iowa

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