RESOLUTION NO. 24-309

ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON AGENDA

CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA
November 4, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Bluffs Center I Urban Renewal Plan

- Public hearing on the proposed 2024 Amendment to the Bluffs Center I Urban Renewal Plan

- Resolution determining an area of the City to be a blighted area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the 2024 Amendment to the Bluffs Center I Urban Renewal Plan

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.

November 4, 2024

The City Council of the City of Council Bluffs, 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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This being the time and place fixed for a public hearing on the matter of the adoption of the proposed 2024 Amendment to the Bluffs Center I Urban Renewal Plan, the Mayor first asked for the report of the Director of Community Development, or her delegate, with respect to the consultation held with the affected taxing entities to discuss the proposed Amendment. The Council was informed that the consultation was duly held as ordered by the Council, and that _____ written recommendations were received from affected taxing entities. The report of the Director of Community Development, or her delegate, with respect to the consultation was placed on file for consideration by the Council.

The Mayor then asked the City Clerk whether any written comments had been filed with respect to the proposed Amendment, and the City Clerk reported that _____ written comments thereto had been filed. The Mayor then called for any oral comments to the adoption of the 2024 Amendment to the Bluffs Center I Urban Renewal Plan and _____ were made. The public hearing was then closed.

{Attach summary of comments here,
or include summary of comments in meeting minutes}

Council Member _____ then introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN AREA OF THE CITY TO BE A BLIGHTED AREA, AND THAT THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, OF SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; DESIGNATING SUCH AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS; AND ADOPTING THE 2024 AMENDMENT TO THE BLUFFS CENTER I URBAN RENEWAL PLAN" 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 _____, 2024, 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.

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WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on March 3, 1969, 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 Bluffs Center I Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan" or "Urban Renewal Plan") for the Bluffs Center I 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 a 2013 Amendment adopted by Resolution No. 13-215 on August 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this Urban Renewal Area currently includes and consists of:

Beginning at the intersection of the westerly Right-of-Way line of Pearl Street and the existing centerline of Willow Avenue; thence northwesterly along said centerline of Willow to the existing centerline of South 8th Street; thence northerly along said centerline of South 8th Street to the existing centerline of 2nd Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline of 2nd Avenue to a point on the easterly right-of-way line of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad; thence northerly along said railroad right-of-way to the existing centerline of Avenue B; thence easterly along said centerline of Avenue B to the existing centerline of North 8th Street; thence north along said centerline of North 8th to the centerline of Washington Avenue; thence easterly and southeasterly along said centerline of Washington Avenue to a point on the north right-of-way line of Kanesville Boulevard; thence northeasterly along the northerly right-of-way line of Kanesville Boulevard to its intersection with the westerly right-of-way line of Oakland Avenue; thence northerly along the westerly right-of-way line of Oakland Avenue, 130 feet; thence easterly across Oakland Avenue to a point on the easterly right-of-way line of Oakland Avenue, said point being 130 feet north of the northerly right-of-way line of Kanesville Boulevard; thence continuing east-northeasterly along a line being 130 north of and parallel with the north right-of-way line of Kanesville Boulevard to the easterly right-of-way line of North Second Street; thence southerly along the easterly right-of-way line of North Second Street to its intersection with the north right-of-way line of Kanesville Boulevard; thence easterly along the northerly right-of-way line of Kanesville Boulevard to its intersection with the easterly right-of-way line of

Benton Street; thence southeasterly across Kanesville Boulevard along the easterly right-of-way line of Benton Street to its intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of Broadway; thence southeasterly across Broadway to the southerly right-of-way line of Broadway; thence southwesterly along the southerly right-of-way line of Broadway to the easterly right-of-way line of Stutsman Street; thence southeasterly along the easterly right-of-way line of Stutsman Street, across Pierce Street to its intersection with the southerly right-of-way line of Pierce Street; thence southwesterly along the southerly right-of-way line of Pierce Street, across Pierce Street to its intersection with the easterly right-of-way line of Park Avenue; thence southeasterly along the easterly right-of-way line of Park Avenue 382.5 feet; thence southwesterly across Park Avenue to the southeast corner of Lot 2, Original Plat 155; thence southwesterly along the south line of said Lot and the south line at Original Plats 160 and 163 and the southwesterly prolongation thereof to the westerly right-of-way line of Glen Avenue; thence northwesterly along the westerly right-of-way line of Glen Avenue to the southeastern corner of Lot 4, Purple's Subdivision; thence southwesterly along the south line of said Lot, and the prolongation thereof, to the east line of Lot 13, Original Plat 175; thence southeasterly along the easterly line of said Lot, 19 feet to the northeast corner of Original plat 239; thence southerly along the east line of said Lot, and the southerly prolongation thereof, 90 feet; thence northwesterly, on a line perpendicular to the easterly right-of-way line of Bluff Street, 36 feet; thence southerly on a line parallel to the easterly right-of-way line of Bluff Street, 178 feet; thence westerly on a line perpendicular to the easterly right-of-way line of Bluff Street, being along the south line of Original Plat 239, and also being along the north line of Lot 1, Block 1 in Jackson's Addition to the northeast corner of Lot 16, Block 1 Jackson's Addition; thence southerly along the easterly lines of Lots 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10 and 9 in said Block 1 of Jackson's Addition and along its southerly prolongation, to a point on the southerly right-of-way line of Willow Avenue; thence northwesterly along the southerly right-of-way line of Willow Avenue to its intersection with the westerly right-of-way line Pearl Street; thence northerly along said westerly right-of-way line of Pearl Street to the centerline of Willow Avenue and the Point of Beginning.

WHEREAS, a proposed 2024 Amendment to the Plan ("2024 Amendment" or "Amendment") for the Urban Renewal Area described above has been prepared, which proposed Amendment has been on file in the office of the City Clerk and which is incorporated herein by reference, the purpose of which is to add to the list of proposed urban renewal projects to be undertaken within the Urban Renewal Area; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposed Amendment does not add land to the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on October 7, 2024, this Council directed that a consultation be held with the designated representatives of all affected taxing entities to discuss the proposed 2024 Amendment and the division of revenue described therein, and that notice of

the consultation and a copy of the proposed 2024 Amendment be sent to all affected taxing entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such notice, the consultation was duly held as ordered by the City Council and all required responses to the recommendations made by the affected taxing entities, if any, have been timely made as set forth in the report of the Director of Community Development, or her delegate, filed herewith and incorporated herein by this reference, which report is in all respects approved; and

WHEREAS, by resolution this Council also set a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed 2024 Amendment for this meeting of the Council, and due and proper notice of the public hearing was given, as provided by law, by timely publication in The Daily Nonpareil, which notice set forth the time and place for this hearing and the nature and purpose thereof; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the notice, all persons or organizations desiring to be heard on the proposed 2024 Amendment, both for and against, have been given an opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and due consideration has been given to all comments and views expressed to this Council in connection therewith and the public hearing has been closed.

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

Section 1. That the findings and conclusions set forth or contained in the 2024 Amendment concerning the area of the City of Council Bluffs, State of Iowa, described in the preamble hereof, be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects as the findings of this Council for this area.

Section 2. This Council further finds:

a) Although relocation is not expected, a feasible method exists for the relocation of any families who will be displaced from the Urban Renewal Area into decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations within their means and without undue hardship to such families;

b) The Plan, as amended, and the 2024 Amendment conform to the general plan for the development of the City as a whole; and

c) Acquisition by the City is not immediately expected, however, as to any areas of open land to be acquired by the City included within the Urban Renewal Area:

i. Residential use is expected and with reference to those portions thereof which are to be developed for residential uses, this City Council hereby determines that a shortage of housing of sound standards and design with decency, safety and sanitation exists within the City; that the acquisition of the area for residential uses is an integral part of and essential to the program of the municipality; and that one or more of the following conditions exist:

a. That the need for housing accommodations has been or will be increased as a result of the clearance of slums in other areas, including other portions of the urban renewal area.

b. That conditions of blight in the municipality and the shortage of decent, safe and sanitary housing cause or contribute to an increase in and spread of disease and crime, so as to constitute a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

c. That the provision of public improvements related to housing and residential development will encourage housing and residential development which is necessary to encourage the retention or relocation of industrial and commercial enterprises in this state and its municipalities.

d. The acquisition of the area is necessary to provide for the construction of housing for low and moderate income families.

ii. Non-residential use is expected and with reference to any portions thereof which are to be developed for non-residential uses, such non-residential uses are necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of the City in accordance with sound planning standards and local community objectives.

Section 3. That the Urban Renewal Area, as amended, continues to be a blighted area within the meaning of Chapter 403, Code of Iowa; that such area is eligible for designation as an urban renewal area and otherwise meets all requisites under the provisions of Chapter 403, Code of Iowa; and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development, or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of this City.

Section 4. That 2024 Amendment to the Bluffs Center I Urban Renewal Plan of the City of Council Bluffs, State of Iowa, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted as the "2024 Amendment to the Bluffs Center I Urban Renewal Plan for the City of Council Bluffs, State of Iowa"; the Amendment, including all of the exhibits attached thereto, is hereby in all respects approved; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of the Amendment with the proceedings of this meeting.

Section 5. That, notwithstanding any resolution, ordinance, plan, amendment or any other document, the Amendment shall be in full force and effect from the date of this Resolution until the Council amends or repeals the Plan. The proposed Amendment shall be forthwith certified by the City Clerk, along with a copy of this Resolution, to the Recorder for Pottawattamie County, Iowa, to be filed and recorded in the manner provided by law.

Section 6. That all other provisions of the Plan not affected or otherwise revised by the terms of the Amendment, as well as all resolutions previously adopted by this City Council related to the Plan be and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of November, 2024.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Label the Amendment as Exhibit 1 (with all exhibits) and attach it to this Resolution.

ATTACH THE AMENDMENT LABELED AS EXHIBIT 1 HERE

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 4th day of November, 2024.

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City Clerk, City of Council Bluffs, State of Iowa

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