Resolution 25-186

ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON AGENDA

CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA
July 28, 2025
7:00 P.M.

Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Plan

- Public hearing on the proposed Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Plan

- Resolution determining an area of the City to be an economic development 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 Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Plan

- Consideration of Ordinance for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Area

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.

July 28, 2025

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 Grapplers Gate 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 Plan. The Council was informed that the consultation was duly held as ordered by the Council, and that zero 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 City also was informed that the proposed Plan had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission as being in conformity with the general plan for development of the City as a whole, as set forth in the minutes or report of the Commission. The Commission's report or minutes were 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 Plan, and the City Clerk reported that zero written comments thereto had been filed. The Mayor then called for any oral comments to the adoption of the Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Plan and zero 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 AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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 GRAPPLERS GATE 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 _____, 2025, at this place.

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

AYES: _____

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NAYS: _____

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the measure duly adopted.

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WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that one or more economic development areas, as defined in Chapter 403, Code of Iowa, exist within the City and the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development, or combination thereof, of the area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, this Council has caused there to be prepared a proposed Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Plan ("Plan" or "Urban Renewal Plan") for the Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Area ("Area" or "Urban Renewal Area"), which proposed Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to form the Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Area as an area suitable for economic development and to include a list of proposed projects to be undertaken within the Urban Renewal Area, and a copy of the Plan has been placed on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the property proposed to be included in the Urban Renewal Area is legally described in the Plan and this Council has reasonable cause to believe that the Area described in the Plan satisfies the eligibility criteria for designation as an urban renewal area under Iowa law and; and

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

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Urban Renewal Area be redeveloped as described in the proposed Urban Renewal Plan to be known hereafter as the "Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Plan"; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa statutes require the City Council to submit the proposed Urban Renewal Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation as to its conformity with the general plan for development of the City as a whole, prior to City Council approval thereof; and

WHEREAS, creation of the Urban Renewal Area and adoption of the Urban Renewal Plan therefore has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City as being in conformity with the general plan for development of the City as a whole, as evidenced by its

written report and recommendation filed herewith, which report and recommendation is hereby accepted, approved in all respects and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on June 23, 2025, this Council directed that a consultation be held with the designated representatives of all affected taxing entities to discuss the proposed Urban Renewal Plan and the division of revenue described therein, and that notice of the consultation and a copy of the proposed Urban Renewal Plan 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 Urban Renewal Plan 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 Urban Renewal Plan, 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 proposed "Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Plan" for the area of the City of Council Bluffs, State of Iowa, legally described and depicted in the Plan and incorporated herein by reference (which area shall hereinafter be known as the "Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Area"), be and the same are hereby adopted and approved 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 Urban Renewal Plan conforms 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 not expected, however, 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 is an economic development 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 the Urban Renewal Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted as the "Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Plan for the Grapplers Gate Urban Renewal Area"; the Urban Renewal Plan for such area is hereby in all respects approved; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of the Urban Renewal Plan with the proceedings of this meeting.

Section 5. That, notwithstanding any resolution, ordinance, plan, amendment or any other document, the Urban Renewal Plan shall be in full force and effect from the date of this Resolution until the Council amends or repeals the Plan. Said Urban Renewal Plan 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of July, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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

ATTACH THE PLAN 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 29th day of July, 2025.

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City Clerk, City of Council Bluffs, State of Iowa

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