Council Communication

Department: Community Development Department	Resolution No. 22- __	City Council: 5-9-2022

Subject/Title

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Urban Prairie Restoration Project Agreement on 12.22 acres of city owned property located in the Mid-City corridor, City of Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

Background/Discussion

In 2021, the 712 Initiative was awarded a grant from the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service to create an urban prairie in the Mid-City corridor on city-owned property. This project intends to introduce native grasses and wildflowers to reduce mowing needs and provide habitat for birds, butterflies, bees and other local wildlife. A total of 12.22 acres of land is proposed for the project on city-owned land.

The 712 Initiative is requesting a five-year land lease agreement to begin August 1, 2022 to begin planting new grass and wildflower mixes. The 712 Initiative will be responsible for ensuring all noxious weeds, litter and other nuisances are removed for the entire leasing term. The City agrees to mow the right-of-way for the sites and full-site mowing up to five (5) times in the first two (2) years to assist with proper seed establishment.

Recommendation

Approval of the lease agreement subject to terms and conditions outlined.

Attachments

1) Lease Agreement
2) Exhibit A – Site Map
3) Resolution