RESOLUTION NO. 21-222

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 ARBOR CREEK URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

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 Arbor Creek Urban Renewal Plan ("Plan" or "Urban Renewal Plan") for the Arbor Creek 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 Arbor Creek Urban Renewal Area as an area suitable for residential 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 "Arbor Creek 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 14, 2021, 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 Housing & Economic Development Manager, 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 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 "Arbor Creek 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 "Arbor Creek 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 "Arbor Creek Urban Renewal Plan for the Arbor Creek 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 26th day of July, 2021.

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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.