## CITY OF WEST DES MOINES BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: June 1, 2016

<u>Item</u>: Hy-Vee Corporate Offices Wind Turbine, 5820 Westown Pkwy – Approval to

add additional height and a revised location for the wind turbine - Hy-Vee, Inc. -

MML1-003077-2016

Requested Action: Approval of an Amendment to a Permitted Conditional Use Permit

Case Advisor: Brian Portz, AICP

Applicant's Request: The applicant, Hy-Vee, Inc., is requesting approval of a modification to a previously approved Permitted Conditional Use for a wind turbine to add additional height on the Hy-Vee corporate office campus located at 5820 Westown Parkway. In May of 2015, the Board of Adjustment approved construction of a free-standing, 43.31' tall, wind turbine on the south part of the site, adjacent to Interstate 235/80. The applicant is now proposing to construct a different wind turbine model that is taller than the one they were originally going to construct. The proposed tower will now be 45.5' tall, or approximately 2.2' taller than the previously approved turbine. In addition, to meet requirements of Title 9, Chapter 14, Section 13 of City Code, which stipulates requirements for small wind energy conversion systems, the wind turbine will be moved 3.2' further to the north to be setback from the south property line the required 1.5 times the height of the wind turbine.

<u>History</u>: The existing building on the subject site was constructed in 1995 with expansions in 1999 and 2008. On April 20, 2015, the City Council approved a Major Modification to the site to construct a conference center expansion, an office addition, and associated site improvements.

<u>City Council Subcommittee</u>: This item was presented to the Development & Planning City Council Subcommittee as an informational item on May 16, 2016. Permitted Conditional Use applications generally are presented to the subcommittee for information only; no discussion regarding the wind turbine was had.

Staff Review and Comment: There are no outstanding issues.

<u>Permitted Conditional Use Permit Findings</u>: The following findings have been made on the proposed permitted conditional use:

- 1. The proposed development and use is consistent with the West Des Moines Comprehensive Plan in that the project has been reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Based upon that review, a finding has been made that the proposed project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in that the project is consistent with all of the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 2. The proposed development and use does assure compatibility of property uses within the zone and general area in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.
- 3. All applicable standards and conditions have been imposed which protects the public health, safety and welfare in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments and public agencies for compliance with the various state and local regulations. Based upon that review a finding is made that the project has been adequately conditioned to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the community.
- 4. There is adequate on-site and off-site public infrastructure to support the proposed development in that this project was reviewed by various public agencies and City Departments and public utilities to ensure that either the petitioner will construct or the project has been conditioned to construct adequate public infrastructure to serve the development.
- 5. The proposed development and use have met the requirements contained in the City Code in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments and public agencies and the project has complied with or has been conditioned to comply with all City Code requirements.

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6. The proposed development and use is in keeping with the scale and nature of the surrounding neighborhood in that the proposed project is consistent with the Zoning regulations and the Comprehensive Plan which designates this site as suitable for development such as that proposed by this project.

Noticing Information: On May 13, 2016, notice of the June 1, 2016, Board of Adjustment Public Hearing on this project was published in the *Des Moines Register*. Notice of this public hearing was mailed to surrounding property owners within 370 feet of the subject property on May 12, 2016.

Staff Recommendations and Conditions of Approval for the Permitted Conditional Use Permit: Based upon the review of the proposal, a finding of consistency with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, and compliance with the findings necessary for approval, staff recommends the Board of Adjustment adopt a resolution for approval of a modification to a previously approved Permitted Conditional Use Permit to increase the height of a wind turbine to 45.5' tall and 69.4' from the south property line, subject to meeting all City Code requirements and regulations and the following:

- 1. As required with the original Permitted Conditional Use approval, the applicant shall work with the Fire Department on labeling what panels this wind turbine will power so electricity can be neutralized through an EPO button or turbine power off switch during an emergency.
- 2. As required with the original Permitted Conditional Use approval, the applicant shall work with the City Building Department to obtain any required building permits.

Property Owner: Hy-Vee Food Stores, Inc.

1801 Osceola Avenue Chariton, IA 50049

### Applicant/Applicant's Representative:

Hy-Vee, Inc.

5820 Westown Parkway West Des Moines, IA 50266 Attn: Daniel Willrich dwillrich@hy-vee.com

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment A - Permitted Conditional Use Resolution

Exhibit A - Conditions of Approval

Attachment B Location Map
Attachment C Site Plans

Attachment D Picture of Proposed Wind Turbine

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#### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO A PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (MML1-003077-2016) TO ALLOW 2.2' OF ADDITIONAL HEIGHT TO AN APPROVED SMALL WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM TO BE LOCATED AT 5820 WESTOWN PARKWAY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 1 et seq, of the West Des Moines Municipal Code, the applicant, Hy-Vee Inc., has requested approval of a modification to a Permitted Conditional Use permit to allow 2.2' of additional height to an approved wind turbine resulting in a 45.5' tall turbine and approval to adjust the proposed location of the turbine so that it is consistent with setback requirements for the new height on that property located at 5820 Westown Parkway, and legally described as follows:

Legal Description of Property

LOTS 15, 16, 17, 18 & PARCEL A OF LOT 3, AN OFFICIAL PARCEL RECORDED IN BOOK 12259, PAGE 415 AT THE POLK COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE ALL IN WEST LAKES OFFICE PARK PLAT 2, AN OFFICIAL PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 6435, PAGE 429 AT THE POLK COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, studies and investigations were made, and staff reports and recommendations were submitted which is made a part of this record and herein incorporated by reference;

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2016, the Board of Adjustment held a duly-noticed public hearing to consider the application for a modification to a Permitted Conditional Use Permit (MML1-003077-2016);

**NOW, THEREFORE,** THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

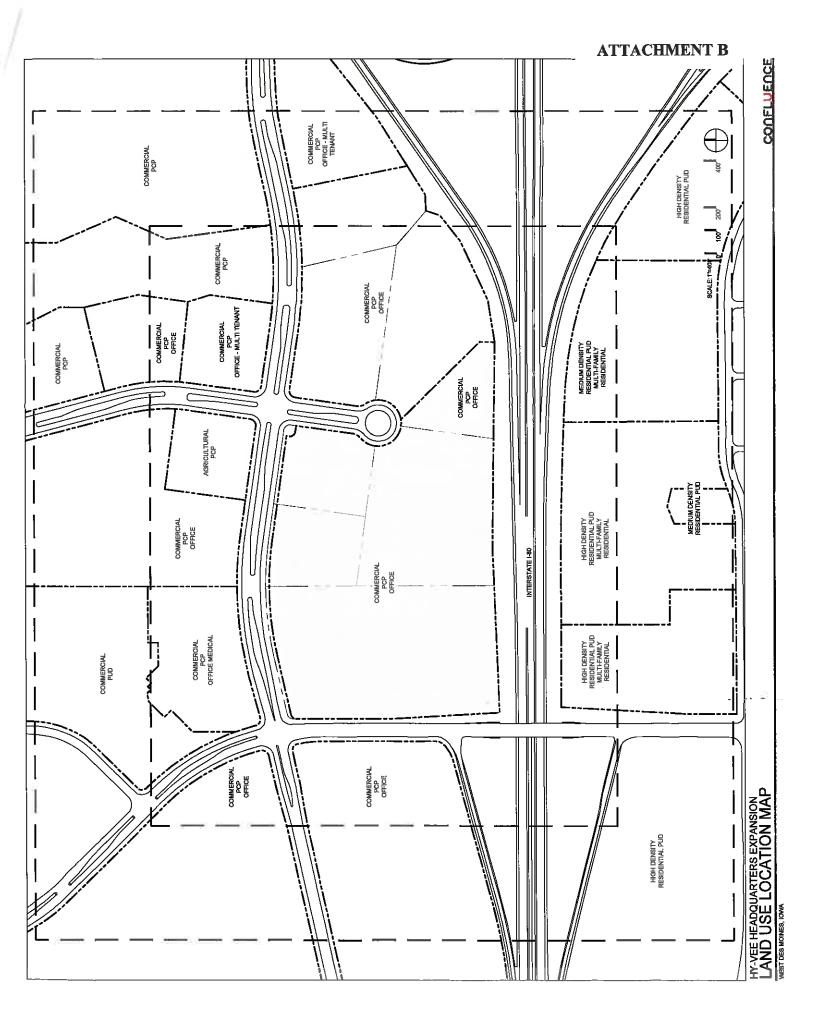
SECTION 1. The findings, for approval, in the staff report, dated June 1, 2016, or as amended orally at the Board of Adjustment hearing of June 1, 2016, are adopted.

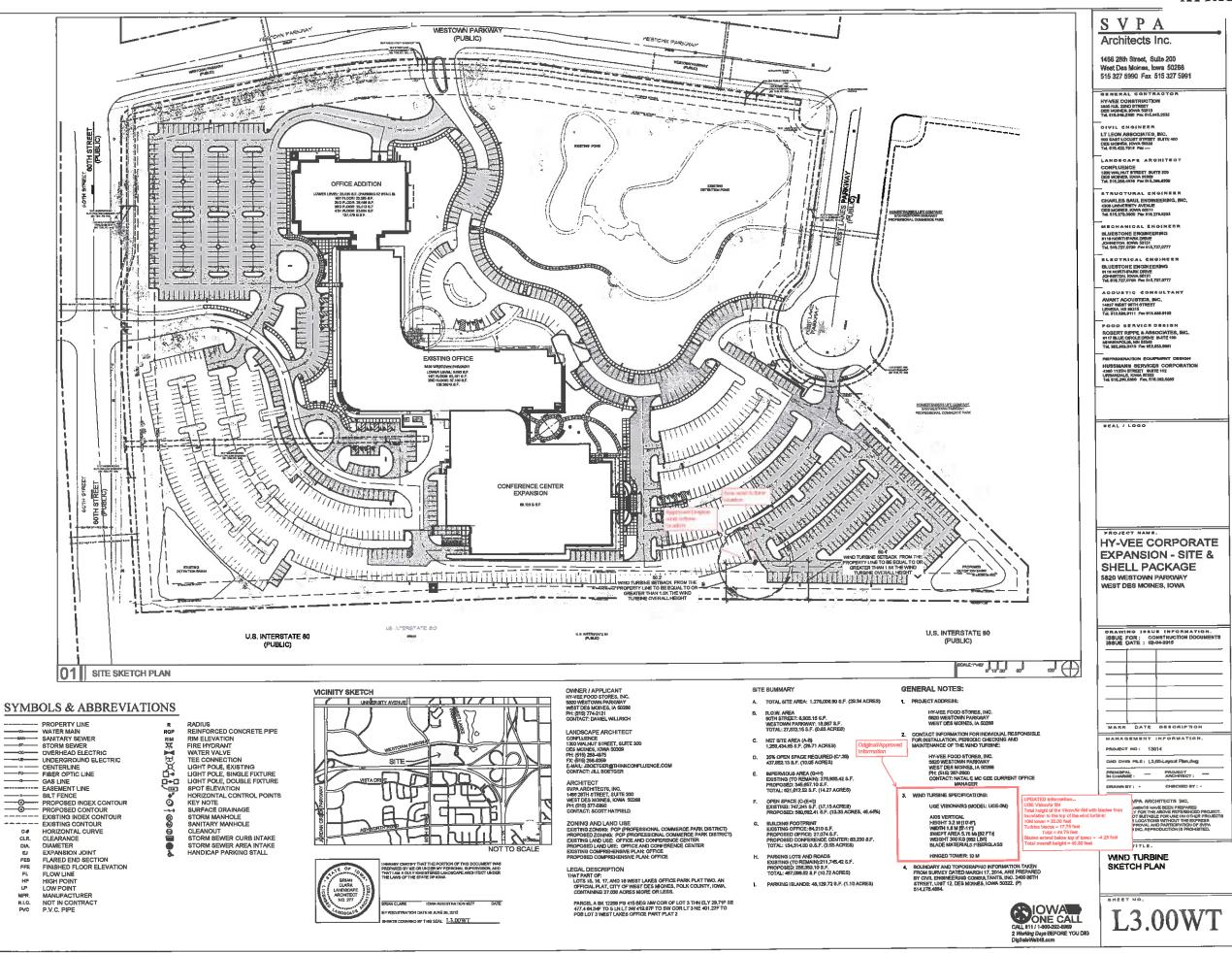
SECTION 2. MODIFICATION TO A PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (MML1-003077-2016) to allow 2.2' of additional height to an approved wind turbine and adjusting the location within the site for that property located at 5820 Westown Parkway is approved, subject to compliance with all the conditions in the staff report, dated June 1, 2016, including conditions added at the Hearing, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A", if any. Violation of any such conditions shall be grounds for revocation of the entitlement, as well as any other remedy which is available to the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on June 1, 2016.	
	Mike Blaser, Board of Adjustment Chairperson
ATTEST:	
Recording Secretary	<del></del>
Des Moines, Iowa, at a regular meeting he	esolution was duly adopted by the Board of Adjustment for the City of West ld on June 1, 2016, by the following vote:
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ABSTAIN:	
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ATTEST:	
Recording Secretary	<del></del>

# Exhibit A Conditions of Approval

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