CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: December 12, 2016

ITEM: Motion – Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Disclosure

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

SYNOPSIS: The City of West Des Moines has created several urban renewal areas, including the Ashworth Corridor Urban Renewal Area, which provide economic development incentives to participants whose development creates high quality jobs and/or significantly increases the City's tax base.

R&R Development Company, which is the employer of Mayor Gaer, owns property within the Ashworth Corridor Urban Renewal District on which it proposes to construct the Westfield Office Building and which will qualify the development for economic development incentives. Although Mayor Gaer has had and will have no involvement in negotiating or approving the Development Agreement with the City, Iowa Code section 403.16 requires any public official who has involuntarily acquired a personal interest in any urban renewal district, whether direct or indirect, to provide written disclosure to the local governing body. The Iowa Supreme Court has held that an employee-employer relationship creates a personal interest that requires full disclosure. Wilson v. Iowa City, 165 N.W.2d 813 (Iowa 1969).

In conformance with Iowa Code section 403.16, the attached written Disclosure signed by Mayor Gaer acknowledges his indirect personal interest in the urban renewal district due to his employment with R&R Development Company.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None.

RECOMMENDATION: Acknowledge and accept the Disclosure of Steven K. Gaer pursuant to Iowa Code section 403.16 for entry upon the meeting minutes of the City Council.

Lead Staff Member: Richard J. Scieszinski, City Attorney

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Richard J. Scieszinski, City Attorney
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DISCLOSURE OF STEVEN K. GAER

I, Steven K. Gaer, as Mayor of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa state that I am not a voting member of the West Des Moines City Council, but that as defined by Iowa Code 403.16, I have or may have an indirect personal interest in property that may be included in an urban renewal project being considered by the City of West Des Moines due to my employment with R&R Realty Group, which company owns land that may be included in the urban renewal district. I will not play any role on behalf of the City regarding said project and will not play any role on behalf of R&R Realty Group with respect to any development agreement and/or site plan approvals relating to said project.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2016.

Steven K. Gaer, Mayor
City of West Des Moines, Iowa