## CITY OF WEST DES MOINES PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: May 21, 2018

<u>Item:</u> Alluvion Booster Station, 1385 SE Army Post Road – Approval of a Site Plan

to construct a utility building with back-up generator for a water booster pump

station - City of West Des Moines -

SP-002992-2016

**Requested Action:** Recommend approval of Site Plan

Case Advisor: Brian S. Portz, AICP BP

<u>Applicant's Request</u>: The City of West Des Moines is requesting approval of a site plan to construct an approximately 625 square foot building to house a water booster pump station with associated back-up generator and electric transformer. Access will be from the old Army Post Road pavement to the west.

<u>History</u>: The property is old right-of-way of SE 11<sup>th</sup> Street, which was re-routed when Veterans Parkway was constructed in this location. The property is undeveloped and has not been previously platted.

<u>City Council Subcommittee</u>: This project was presented to Development and Planning Subcommittee as an informational item at its February 22, 2016 meeting. There was no discussion.

<u>Staff Review and Comment</u>: This request was distributed to other City departments and other agencies for their review and comment. Staff would summarize the following key points of interest:

- <u>Utility Structures:</u> A recently adopted City Code amendment allows public utility structures that exceed 64 square feet in size or exceeds 6' in height to be located outside of private or public utility easements or street rights-of-way. The structures must be set back a minimum of 35' from the front property line and a minimum of 20' from the side and rear property lines. The structures on this site will meet this requirement.
- Site Access: Access to the site will be via the existing old Army Post Road pavement, which connects to the new SE Army Post Road. The City is proposing a gravel drive to the site from the old Army Post Road pavement. The connection will be constructed so that it supports 75,000 lbs. of gross vehicle weight and be maintained at all times, including snow removal. This gravel road is intended to be the interim paving condition until such time that the surrounding properties develop. A deferral of the paving requirements is requested until such time that the surrounding area develops.
- <u>Landscape Screening</u>: A total of nineteen 8 to 10' tall Black Hills Spruce trees will be planted around the north, east and south sides of the building, generator and electric transformer to provide screening. There is existing vegetation (trees and shrubs) along the west side of the property that will provide the necessary screening.

<u>Comprehensive Plan Consistency</u>: 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 and the land use map of the Comprehensive Plan.

**<u>Findings</u>**: This proposed project was distributed to various city departments for review and comment. Based upon that review, the following findings have been made on the proposed project:

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 has met the requirements contained in the City Code in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments and the project has complied with or has been conditioned to comply with all City Code requirements.
- 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 designation and Comprehensive Plan which designates this site as suitable for development such as that proposed by this project.

<u>Staff Recommendation And Conditions Of Approval</u>: Based upon the preceding review and a finding of consistency with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, staff recommends the Plan and Zoning Commission adopt a resolution recommending the City Council approve the Site Plan to construct an approximately 625 square foot building to house a water booster pump station with associated back-up generator and electric transformer, subject to the applicant meeting all City Code requirements and the following:

1. The City Council granting a deferral of access road paving requirements until such time that the surrounding properties develop.

**Property Owner/Applicant:** City of West Des Moines

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Applicant's Representative: HDR Engineering, Inc.

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Des Moines, IA 50309 Attn: Mark Duben, P.E. mark.duben@hdrinc.com

#### Attachments:

Attachment A - Commission Resolution Exhibit A - Conditions of Approval

Attachment B - Location Map Attachment C - Site Plans

Attachment D - Building Elevation Plans

### RESOLUTION NO. PZC-18-040

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT IT APPROVE A SITE PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A UTILITY STRUCTURE WITH BACK UP GENERATOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 1 et seq, of the West Des Moines Municipal Code, the applicant, the City of West Des Moines, has requested approval for a Site Plan (SP-002992-2016) to allow the construction of an approximately 625 square foot building to house a water booster pump station with associated back-up generator and electric transformer located near the northwest corner of SE Army Post Road and Veterans Parkway.

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 May 21, 2018, this Commission held a duly-noticed public meeting to consider the application for a Site Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. The findings, for approval, in the staff report dated May 21, 2018 or as amended orally at the Plan and Zoning Commission meeting held on May 21, 2018 are adopted.

SECTION 2. The Site Plan (SP-002992-2016) to construct an approximately 625 square foot building to house a water booster pump station with associated back-up generator and electric transformer, is recommended to the City Council for approval, subject to compliance with all the conditions in the staff report including conditions added at the meeting, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Violation of any such conditions shall be grounds for revocation of the permit, as well as any other remedy which is available to the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on May 21, 2018.

Craig Erickson
Plan and Zoning Commission

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Plan and Zoning Commission of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, at a regular meeting held on May 21, 2018, by the following vote:

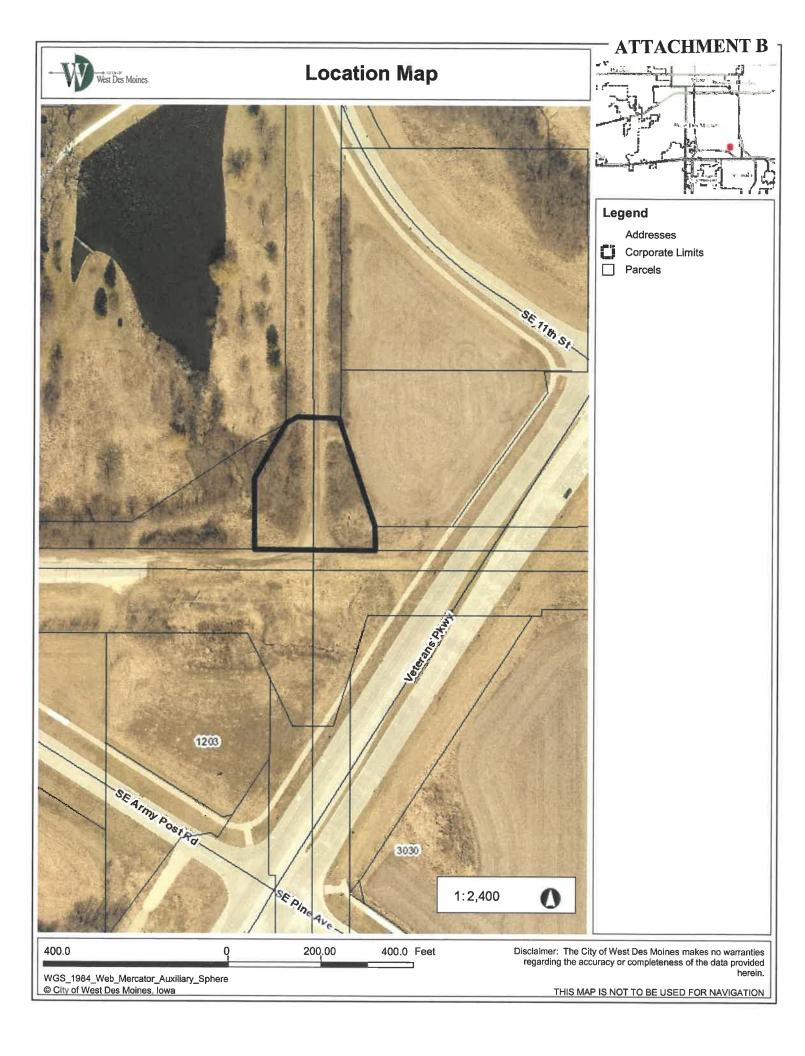
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### Exhibit A CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL





Contract Drawings For

# **ALLUVION BOOSTER STATION**

City of West Des Moines West Des Moines Water Works City Project Number 0510-027-2015

Issued for Bidding April 26, 2018 HDR Project No. 10024340

West Des

Moines

Maffitt Lake Rd

F135

ROJECT LOCATION

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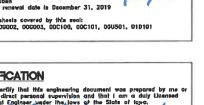
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