CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 18, 2024

ITEM:

Resolution – Establishing Just Compensation and Approving the Acquisition of Property Woodland Avenue – Veterans Parkway to SW Kerry Street

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to state law, the attached Resolution approves the acquisition of property at the fair market value to be established by compensation estimate and/or appraisal; approves hiring of an appraiser; and approves initiation and completion of condemnation proceedings, if necessary.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council Adopt:

- Resolution Establishing Just Compensation and Approving the Acquisition of Property for Woodland Avenue – Veterans Parkway to SW Kerry Street.

Lead Staff Member: Brian J. Hemesath, P.E., City Engineer

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Brian J. Hemesath, City Engineer
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director
Legal	Greta Truman, City Attorney
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	Public Services		
Date Reviewed	November 11, 2024		
Recommendation	**Yes**	No	Split

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING JUST COMPENSATION AND APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of West Des Moines has previously approved funding for the construction of the following Project,

Woodland Avenue – Veterans Parkway to SW Kerry Street
Project No. 0510-021-2024

and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to acquire property and easements from private owners in these areas for the construction of improvements; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of property and easements by the City through purchase, condemnation or gift based upon fair market value of the property is necessary and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA THAT:

1. Pursuant to the property acquisition policy of the City of West Des Moines, acquisition of all property and easements necessary for the construction of the Project is hereby approved except for agricultural properties.

2. City staff is authorized to acquire appraisals or formulate compensation estimates establishing the fair market value of the property necessary for the Project except for agricultural properties.

3. City staff is further authorized to acquire the property and easements through voluntary acquisition or gift based upon the fair market value of each property as determined by the appraisal or compensation estimates, which upon the appraisals/estimates completion are hereby approved (copies of which shall be on file in the Office of the City Clerk) except for agricultural properties.

4. Upon the inability of the City to acquire the property voluntarily or by gift, condemnation of such property is hereby approved. The City Legal Department is authorized to initiate and complete condemnation proceedings except for agricultural properties.

5. Acquisition of property related to the Project shall be done in accordance with all local, state and federal laws and regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **18th** day of **November, 2024**.

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Russ Trimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

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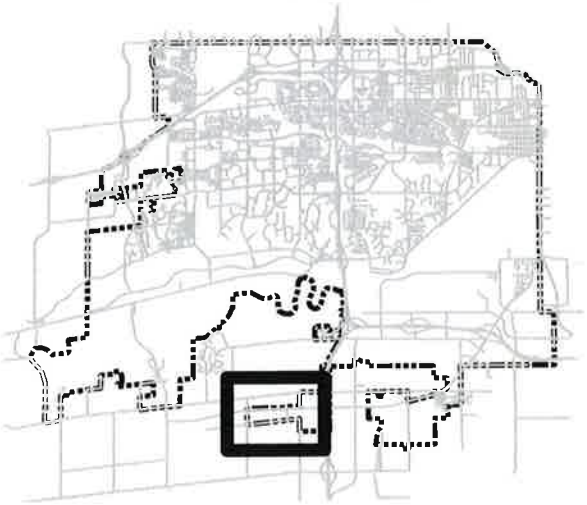
Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk

VICINITY MAP



LEGEND

PROJECT LOCATION ▬▬▬

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THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES	PROJECT: **Woodland Avenue, Veterans Parkway to SW Kerry Street**		
	LOCATION: **Exhibit 'A'**		
	DRAWN BY: JPM	DATE: 4/30/2024	PROJECT NUMBER/NAME: 0510-21-2024	SHT. 1 of 1