



**Homeless Coordinating Council
Roll Call Number**

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Date May 20, 2010.....

**RECOMMENDING THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL WORK WITH
CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICES ON MAKING LAND AVAILABLE ON
MULBERRY STREET, JUST SOUTH OF THEIR EXISTING SHELTER, FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR NEW SHELTER FORMERLY PROPOSED FOR
KEOSAUQUA WAY**

WHEREAS, homelessness in Des Moines is on the increase with many individuals living on the street, in emergency shelters and transitional housing, or places not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we continue to work together on a long-term strategy to address homelessness, make the best use of the available resources, and ensure that implementation occurs in a manner that is coordinated and effective by the many agencies and organizations involved in providing services to the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, coordination and collaboration at the local level is essential to guide our efforts and to maximize the use of our collective funding; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2010 the Homeless Coordinating Council was established by a joint resolution by the Polk County Board of Supervisors and the Des Moines City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Coordinating Council will be charged with the development of a long-term plan designed to eliminate homelessness, identification of a clear set of policies and objectives designed to guide annual funding allocations, and review and improve the existing service delivery system and identify steps to ensure and oversee the efficient delivery of services for the homeless. In addition, priority will be given to developing housing alternatives for the numerous camps that exist today along our rivers and in isolated areas around the community; and

WHEREAS, providing adequate emergency shelter services for the homeless population is a need of our community and is urgently needed, and

WHEREAS, the current timeline for construction of the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at their site on Keosauqua Way will not meet the needs of the community.



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WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Homeless Coordinating Council the proposed site on Mulberry Street for the new Central Iowa Shelter & Services emergency shelter will provide this needed resource for our community and in a shorter timeframe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Homeless Coordinating Council to recommend to the City of Des Moines City Council to work with the Central Iowa Shelter & Services to make land available on Mulberry Street, just south of their existing shelter, for the development of their new shelter formerly proposed on Keosauqua Way.

MOVED by Mayor Cownie to adopt and recommend the City expedite the sale of the land for the construction of the shelter to begin as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hensley.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BROWNELL	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
CONNOLLY	✓			
COWNIE	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	