



AGENDA SECTION	ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
MEETING DATE	11-23-2020

**CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS - COUNCIL LETTER**

<b>ITEM:</b>	HRA Levy Request for 3930 University Ave Remediation Project (Root Property)		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Development	<b>CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:</b>	
<b>BY/DATE:</b>	Mitchell Forney, 11/19/2020	<b>BY/DATE:</b>	<i>Kell Bomyer</i> 11/20/20
<b>CITY STRATEGY:</b>	#2: Economic Strength		
<b>Additional Strategy?</b>	#1; Safe Community		
<b>SHORT TERM GOAL (IF APPLICABLE):</b>	Choose an item.		
<b>Additional Goal?</b>	Choose an item.		

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2019 the City applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the environmental remediation of 3930 University Ave, previously known as the Root Property. As part of the CDBG phase one agreement, the City's selected contractor Carlson McCain completed environmental testing around the site and to submitted the required paper work to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for review. The site had been previously tested in 2012 and Carlson McCain utilized this report to begin collecting soil samples. During the collection of samples, Carlson McCain found more contaminants than previously uncovered in the 2012 report. The finding of further contamination increased the cost of the first phase by requiring more samples to be taken and more lab tests to be conducted. CDBG funding was estimated utilizing the 2012 report. Therefore, the cost of the extra testing and lab work exceeded the requested CDBG funds. The total amount of work not covered by CDBG grant funds is \$10,867.71. Community Development staff recommend utilizing the Anoka County HRA economic development levy to cover the excess unforeseen costs.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2020-105 as presented.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):**

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2020-105, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2020-105, a resolution requesting funds from the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to support economic development activities within the City of Columbia Heights

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution 2020-105