



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Surplus Property – City Hall Annex

Preferred Agenda: October 27, 2020

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Reviewed By: Blair Larsen, City Manager Pro Tem

Type of Action: Resolution X Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: Contract Review Board Rules of Procedure

Towards Council Goal: Goal 3.3: Develop partnerships with regional services.

Attachments: Resolution No. 25 for 2020

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to surplus the 1996 Sweet Home Annex modular unit behind the old city hall building and then donate it to the City of Detroit to be used for a public purpose to assist and help in the establishment of public structures in the City of Detroit.

Background/Context:

The City of Detroit has had devastating and extensive losses to its public structures caused by the recent wild fires. The Sweet Home Annex was used by the city for court and city council purposes in the past with both now moved to other city facilities. It is currently being used for storage and by a civic group (that assembles backpacks for children) who will now be using the old city hall for their purposes.

City policy on surplus personal property states in essence that the city can surplus property without going through a competitive bid process if the personal property is needed by another governmental agency or public corporation for a public purpose and is donated with no warranty or guarantee and as is and where is without any recourse against the transferor.

Each Department Head has verified that the modular unit is surplus property to said department.

As a comparison in the past the city had the manufactured structure at Sankey Park removed. The city was paid \$5,000.00 for the manufactured structure with the buyer removing the manufactured structure.

The Finance And Property Committee reviewed this matter on October 6, 2020 and recommended that the City of Sweet Home donate the Sweet Home Annex to the City of Detroit to be used for public purposes with the request that if there comes a time that it is no

longer useful for a public purpose to the City of Detroit that they in turn, if possible, donate it to another public agency or public corporation that needs it.

The Mayor and City Manager have been in communication with the Mayor of Detroit and have confirmed that the City of Detroit would welcome the donation and use it for public purposes.

The Challenge/Problem:

Should the City surplus the Annex and donate it to another governmental organization?

Stakeholders:

The City of Sweet Home would be donating surplus property for a public purpose to the City of Detroit who needs the structure for essential services for its Citizens.

The Citizens of Sweet Home would be helping the Citizens of Detroit with surplus property that is needed now for governmental operations.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The surplus property does have some monetary value if sold as explained in the background portion of this RCA. The City will incur costs of transfer of title and/or transport.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

The City of Sweet Home Contract Review Board Rules of Procedure allow for the City to donate surplus property to another city to be used for a public purpose that is in need of the property. The City of Detroit needs all the help that it can get to help it recover from the wild fires and this donation would help them in their recovery process to provide a stable government for their citizens.

Options:

1. Do Nothing – Do not make the donation and keep the annex for some future use by the City.
2. Move to adopt Resolution No. 25 for 2020 – This options ensures the donation of the Annex to the City of Detroit for their use as a temporary City Hall.
3. Sell the existing Annex. Surplus the Annex and sell it providing revenue to the City.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Option 2, Move to adopt Resolution No. 25 for 2020.