

73-R-16

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Manager to Participate in the Cook County No Cash Bid Program to Allow the City to Acquire Property in Evanston for Redevelopment

WHEREAS, under the Cook County No Cash Bid Program, a unit of local government can acquire a tax deed to tax delinquent property, thus eliminating all back taxes, interest and penalties, and return the property to productive use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston seeks to participate in the program and requests that the Cook County Board of Commissioners approve a no cash bid for the parcels of real estate that are outlined in Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to utilize the parcels for a variety of purposes, including enhancing greenspace, development of affordable housing and expanding right-of-way, all to further the goals outlined in the West Evanston Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Evanston to acquire the subject parcels through participation in the No Cash Bid Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: The City of Evanston requests that the Cook County Board of Commissioners approve a No Cash Bid from the City of Evanston for each of the parcels listed below:

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SECTION 2: The parcels listed in Section 1 are all vacant land and located in West Evanston. The acquisition and redevelopment of the parcels will assist the City of Evanston in its efforts to address affordable housing and community development goals. Ten of the parcels are within the boundaries of the West Evanston Master Plan area and identified for development as housing or greenspace in that master plan. The last parcel is also vacant and would be redeveloped as affordable housing.

SECTION 3: The City Manager of Evanston is authorized and directed to execute all No Cash Bid Program documents on behalf of the City of Evanston, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to the City Manager's signature on those documents, as necessary.

SECTION 4: The City agrees to submit to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development an annual report on the status of the parcels acquired through the No Cash Bid program for five years or until development is completed, whichever occurs last.

SECTION 5: The City will file for tax exempt status on all of the parcels for as long as the City retains ownership. The City does not have an agreement with a

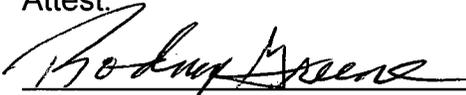
third party to convey the parcels or for redevelopment at this time. The City will bear all legal costs and expenses to obtain the tax deed and clear title to the acquired parcels.

SECTION 6: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate any additional conditions of the No Cash Bid Program as may be determined to be in the best interests of the City.

SECTION 7: That this Resolution 73-R-16 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.


Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:


Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: December 12, 2016