CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: July 26, 2010

ITEM:

Resolution - Application for I-Jobs II Disaster Prevention Infrastructure Grant and Commitment to Smart Planning Principles

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost to construct stormwater improvements to the first two drainage basins identified by Public Works Council Committee has not been fully calculated, but will likely exceed $6,000,000. The City is proposing to start with the construction of stormwater lines, possibly a small detention pond, and pump station improvements that would partially alleviate flooding on Grand Avenue between 1st Street and 4th Street. For this first phase the City would need to allocate as much as $1,400,000 of Stormwater funds to match the requested $1,500,000 from I-Jobs. The City will seek out additional grant opportunities to supplement funding toward completing the stormwater improvements in this and other drainage basins.

BACKGROUND:

This grant application would jump start the stormwater improvement projects along the eastern portion of West Des Moines. Engineering studies are underway to identify potential solutions to ongoing issues within several identified drainage basins.

Constructing stormwater lines, providing detention ponds and constructing pump stations will insure the area drains rainwater quicker and more efficiently into Walnut Creek. The new pipes to be installed will also act as underground storage. More details on potential solutions will become evident as the engineering studies are completed.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council Adopt:

- Resolution authorizing application for I-Jobs II Grant for public improvements and commitment to "smart planning principles" as established by the State Legislature.

Lead Staff Member: Scott Sanders, Assistant City Manager SS

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

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Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT APPLICATION FOR I-JOBS DISASTER PREVENTION AND COMMITMENT TO SMART PLANNING PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Des Moines strongly promotes long-term economic development, the improvement of living and working environments, and

WHEREAS, there are portions of our City that are in need of stormwater improvements, and

WHEREAS, the during the 2010 Legislative Session, the Iowa Legislature enacted Senate File 2389 (the "Act"), creating the I-Jobs II Program and providing for I-Jobs grant funding to assist in the development and completion of public construction projects relating to disaster prevention, and

WHEREAS, the Act also created new chapter 18B of the Iowa Code, which provides, inter alia, that local governments shall consider and may apply certain planning principles, denominated by the Act as "Smart Planning Principles" during the deliberation of all appropriate planning, zoning, development, and resource management decisions, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Des Moines has reviewed the potential advantages and disadvantages to the City of amending its comprehensive plan utilizing Smart Planning Principles in conformance with the Act, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 88 of the Act, only cities or counties that apply "smart planning principles and guidelines pursuant to sections 18B.1 and 18B.2, …, may submit an application to the Iowa jobs board for financial assistance for a local infrastructure competitive grant for an eligible project under the program', therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, authorization is given to the City Manager to apply for an I-Jobs Disaster Prevention Grant through the Iowa Finance Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the project is funded, the City of West Des Moines shall complete the amendment of its comprehensive plan utilizing smart planning principles in conformance with new Iowa Code Chapter 18B within three years of the award of such grant(s).

PASSED AND APPROVED this **26th** day of **July, 2010**.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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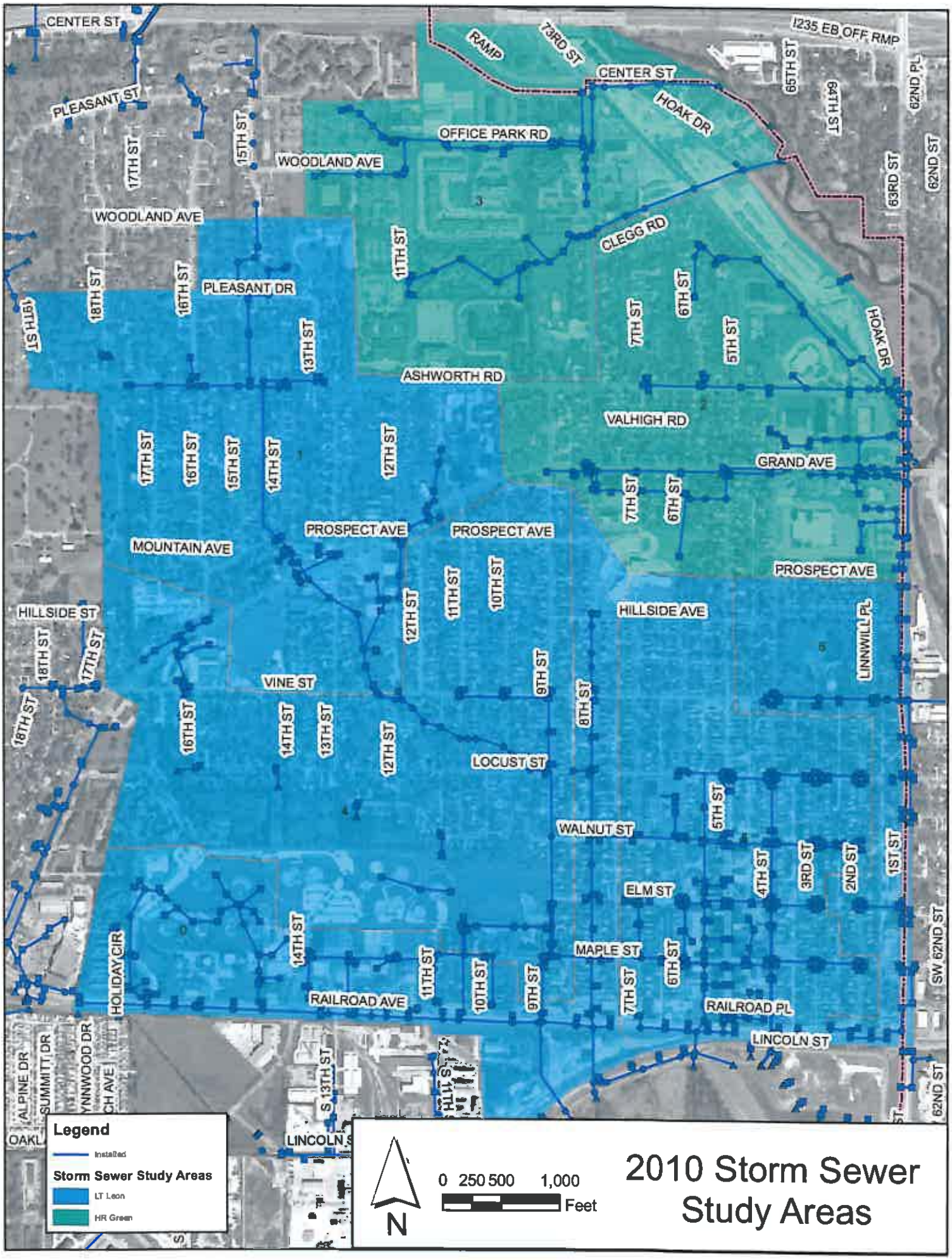
Jody E. Smith, CMFA, MMC
City Clerk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