

ORDINANCE

**DECLARING PROPERTY ABANDONED TO THE CITY AS
SURPLUS AND NOT NEEDED BY THE CITY AND
PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY TO
BENEFIT WORKFORCE HOUSING**

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond owns property described on the attached exhibit, consisting of abandoned and unimproved real estate transferred to the City pursuant to City of Hammond ordinance # 13-5337 C.S. located at 901 E. Park Ave., Hammond, LA (the "Property") and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced tremendous growth since August 2005. An April 17, 2007 study reported the City's critical need for workforce housing for home ownership and the City intends to address this need with the transfer of property to the Ginger Ford Northshore Fuller Center For Housing, Inc. ("Fuller Center") for the construction of a home for workforce housing and home ownership (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project will result in positive economic development to the City in the form of increase in workforce housing and home ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Property was transferred to the City by abandonment by the owner with the understanding that the City would thereafter transfer the Property for use as workforce housing and home ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Fuller Center is a 501 (c) (3) corporation and is experienced with the successful development of work force housing projects similar to the Project and has the ability to complete the Project and agrees to undertake the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City is a home rule charter government, having all powers not denied by its charter or by general law or inconsistent with the constitution of the State of Louisiana, including but not limited to the specific power to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City, including the support of development projects of benefit to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Hammond that:

Section 1. The Project is beneficial to general welfare and good order of the City and will address the City's demonstrated need for workforce housing.

Section 2. The Property is best used to support the Project and the understanding of the transferee of the Property to the City was for its use for the Project.

Section 3. The Property was transferred to the City without cost to the City and abandoned by the owner.

Section 4. The Property is hereby declared as surplus and no longer needed by the City of Hammond.

Section 5. The Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute such documents or to direct the execution of such documents as are necessary and proper in furtherance of this ordinance, including the act of transfer of the Property to The Fuller Center or its affiliate which shall constitute a cooperative endeavor agreement as allowed by law.

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been introduced at a public meeting of the Hammond City Council, discussed at a public hearing of said Council and was submitted to an official vote of the Hammond City Council.

On motion of _____ and seconded by _____, the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2014, by the following roll call vote:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Johnny Blount	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jason Hood	_____	_____	_____	_____
Robert "Bobby" Martin	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lemar Marshall	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mike Williams	_____	_____	_____	_____

ATTEST:

Whitney Cooper
Clerk, Hammond City Council

Robert "Bobby" Martin, President
President, Hammond City Council

Mayson Foster
Mayor, City of Hammond

INTRODUCED: _____, 2014

PUBLISHED: _____, 2014

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

DELIVERED TO MAYOR: _____, 2014

APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____, 2014

RECEIVED FROM MAYOR: _____, 2014