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Legal Department

Item No. 12

To: Mayor Haila, Ames City Council

From: Mark O. Lambert, City Attorney

Date: December 5, 2019

Subject: Terminating Healthy Life Center Agreements

The Ames City Council had approved four agreements with other entities regarding the proposed Healthy Life Center. As you know, the bond referendum held in September did not receive enough votes to pass.

The agreements with Mary Greeley Medical Center, Story County, and Heartland Senior Services all stated that they would terminate if the City failed to construct the Healthy Life Center (HLC). Although one could presume that since the bond issue did not pass the HLC will not be built, it would be clearer to have a statement from both sides cancelling the agreements, so a record of the termination can be made.

The resolutions on the Council agenda are to terminate:

- a. the HLC agreement with Mary Greeley Medical Center.
- b. the HLC agreement with Story County
- c. the HLC agreement with Heartland Senior Services.

The boards of all three entities also will be taking action also to terminate the agreements.

The fourth HLC agreement, with Iowa State University, is not being terminated at this time, pending further discussions about the possibility of other potential joint projects.

The City Attorney's office is recommending that the Council take action to cancel the Healthy Life Center agreements, so there is a clear record they have been cancelled.

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