

**MEMO**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

**Date:** February 18, 2022

**Subject:** Status of Land Lease Agreement Between Iowa State University (ISU) and the City of Ames Regarding the Healthy Life Center Site on Ontario Road

On August 13, 2019, the City Council approved a Lease Agreement with Iowa State University for land west of Scholl Road and north of Ontario Road to serve as the site for the proposed Healthy Life Center. Subsequent to that action, the Board of Regents approved the Lease Agreement.

As you know, the bond referendum on September 10, 2019 failed to garner the necessary votes needed to continue with the Healthy Life Center project. As a result, the City Council passed separate Resolutions on December 5, 2019, to terminate the previously approved Agreements with Mary Greeley Medical Center, Story County, and Heartland Senior Services, who previously committed to upfront capital contributions and ongoing operational support for the Center. No action was taken to terminate the Land Lease Agreement because Iowa State University never returned a fully executed Land Lease Agreement to the City after the bond election failed.

In order to set the record straight, an ISU representative recently requested that the City take action to clarify the status of the Lease Agreement. **Therefore, I am recommending that the City Council pass a resolution acknowledging that the Lease Agreement previously approved by the City of Ames and the Board of Regents (acting on behalf of Iowa State University) regarding the Healthy Life Center never went into effect and is no longer needed since the project was not pursued further.**

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