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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 12 <b>Roll Call No.</b> [ _____ ] <b>Communication No.</b> <u>12-089</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Terrance N. Vorbrich, Acting Economic Development Administrator

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Resolution to Appoint Madelyn Tursi and Christine Pardee to the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission

**SYNOPSIS:**

Appointments must be made pursuant to the Iowa Code to continue the work of the Enterprise Zone Commission, which conducts review of applications for the State of Iowa Enterprise Zone Program within the City’s fourteen approved Enterprise Zones. This program is a special package of tax incentives designed to encourage reinvestment in economically distressed areas.

Terms for three of the current Enterprise Zone Commission members have expired, and two additional positions are vacant. Three of the Commission seats are required by Iowa Code to be appointed by the Commission members: representatives from the City of Pleasant Hill, the Federal Enterprise Community and an at-large member. Council is requested to appoint Christine Pardee as the Plan & Zoning Commission representative and Madelyn Tursi as the Des Moines Area Community College representative at this meeting, and affirm the three additional members at a future meeting, following their appointment by the Commission.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

This is a State of Iowa program and has no fiscal impact on the City of Des Moines.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On March 23, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-463 the City Council appointed six members to serve on the nine member Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission and on May 18, 2009 by Roll Call No. 09-844, the City Council affirmed appointments of the three additional members to the Commission, selected by the first six members in accordance with State law. Appointments must now be made to the Commission because three members’ terms have expired, and two additional seats are currently vacant. The current members have indicated interest in continuing to serve on the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission, and two individuals have expressed interest to fill the vacant seats.

At their next regular meeting, the Enterprise Zone Commission will appoint the remaining three members. They must include a representative of the Federal Enterprise Community, a representative of the City of Pleasant Hill, and an at-large member. This action will be brought to Council for confirmation following the meeting.

The Enterprise Zone program has been and will continue to be a significant state tax incentive tool to encourage new investment within the City of Des Moines.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: May 18, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-844](#)

Action: Appointment of Mark Ackelson, Greg Mace and Kaye Lozier to the Enterprise Zone Commission. ([Council Communication No. 09-323](#)) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

Date: March 23, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-463](#)

Action: Approving appointment of members to the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission. ([Council Communication No. 09-163](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2.

Date: June 5, 2006

Roll Call Number: [06-1089](#)

Action: Appointment of Brian P. Standish and Michael Pollock to the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission for a term to expire January 24, 2009. ([Council Communication No. 06-335](#)) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Date: May 5, 2009

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: The first six members of the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission appointed David Elwell, Mark Ackelson and Jeff Johannsen to the Commission in accordance with State law.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

The Enterprise Zone Commission will meet in March to approve three appointments, which will be brought to City Council to affirm.

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