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	<p style="text-align: right;">Agenda Item No. 62 Roll Call No. <u>14-1107</u> Communication No. <u>14-348</u> Submitted by: Matthew A. Anderson, Assistant City Manager</p>

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution to recognize the service of the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission.

SYNOPSIS:

In May 1998, the State of Iowa Legislature created the Enterprise Zone program, a special package of tax incentives designed to encourage reinvestment in economically distressed areas throughout the State. On September 14, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-2839, City Council established the nine (9) member Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission. The Commission was established as part of the Enterprise Zone legislation, and was given the task to review applications for business and housing assistance under the program, forwarding recommendation to the Iowa Department of Economic Development (now the Iowa Economic Development Authority).

This year, new State of Iowa Legislation was approved that will sunset the Enterprise Zone Housing Tax Credit program, begin a new Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program, and concentrate business assistance resources under the State’s High Quality Jobs Program (HQP). Local Enterprise Zone Commissions will no longer be required.

The members of the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission are listed below.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Members of the Des Moines Enterprise Zone Commission

At Large Representative
Representative of International Labor Organization
Representative of the Federal Enterprise Community
Representative of the DMACC Board of Directors
Representative from Iowa Workforce Development
Representative of the Plan & Zoning Commission
Representative chosen by Iowa Economic Development Authority
Representative chosen by Des Moines City Council
Representative of City of Pleasant Hill

Kaye Lozier, Chair
Tom Hayes, Vice Chair
Breanne Barnum
Madelyn Tursi
Doug Brooks
Christine Pardee
Gerard Neugent
Brian Standish
Mark Ackelson

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

A letter of appreciation for service to the City of Des Moines will be sent to each member of the Enterprise Zone Commission.

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