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Date..... March 6, 2006

APPROVING EMPLOYMENT OF ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

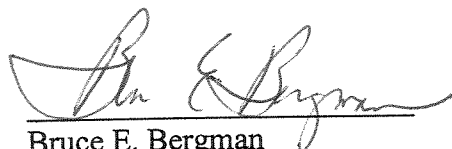
WHEREAS, the Legal Department has advertised and interviewed candidates to fill the vacancy in the position of Assistant City Attorney caused by the promotion of Kathleen Vanderpool; and

WHEREAS, based upon the interview and selection process, the City Attorney has determined that David A. Ferree should be appointed to fill the vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the following appointment be made and is hereby approved:

David A. Ferree, to be appointed as Assistant City Attorney, , at an annual salary in SPM Legal Range, Step 17.5, effective March __, 2006.

FORM APPROVED: MOVED BY _____ TO ADOPT



Bruce E. Bergman
City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

.....Mayor

_____ City Clerk

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March 1, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS
OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

Re: Appointment of David Ferree as Assistant City Attorney

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following recruitment, the Legal Department seeks appointment of David Ferree to fill the vacant position of Assistant City Attorney for the Intergovernmental Division. Duties of the position include legal work related to providing legal advice to the Aviation Department, and other municipal law matters.

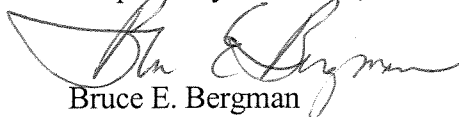
DISCUSSION

Upon the recent promotion of Kathleen Vanderpool, a position of Assistant City Attorney in the Infrastructure and Services Division of the Legal Department became vacant. Following a recruitment, and background review of the candidates, David Ferree was selected for the position.

Mr. Ferree graduated from the University of Iowa Law School in 1978 with high distinction. He has been employed by the State of Iowa as an Assistant Attorney General or Special Assistant Attorney General for all but three years since graduating from law school. He served as General Counsel to the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Iowa Railway Finance Authority for approximately thirteen years. Mr. Ferree's responsibilities have involved condemnation litigation; negotiations, real property, environmental law, open meetings and records, administrative law, and a variety of related areas. He has spoken at many seminars regarding property acquisition and eminent domain issues, and has given testimony before legislative committees this session on eminent domain. His many years of experience in real estate related areas and administrative practice with the State of Iowa provides us with an ideal candidate with a history of successfully handling legal matters with which we deal in the Legal Department for the City of Des Moines. Mr. Ferree received very favorable recommendations from clients and co-workers whom we contacted.

I strongly recommend the appointment of David Ferree as Assistant City Attorney in the Legal Department.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Attorney



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