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Date May 19, 2008

**APPROVING EXCEPTION TO COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS
AND APPROVING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH WELLMARK BLUE CROSS
BLUE SHIELD OF IOWA FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RELATED TO THE
CITY'S SELF- INSURED DENTAL PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES AND CERTAIN
RETIREES**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines provides its employees and retirees under the age of 65 years with dental coverage via a self-insured fund; and

WHEREAS, in order to administer the fund, the City uses an outside source to administer the dental plan; and

WHEREAS, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa (John Forsythe, CEO) has provided such administrative services in the past; and

WHEREAS, the current administrative services agreement expires on June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, after an informal survey of another provider indicated that administrative services would be greater than those quoted by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa, a RFP was not issued and lengthy negotiations to extend the administrative services agreement current insurance coverage continued (along with health insurance negotiations); and

WHEREAS, it now is the desire of the City to extend administrative contract coverage for active employees and retirees under the age of 65 for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 from Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa at a cost of \$1,711,214.00 as detailed in the attached Council Communication; and

WHEREAS, an administrative services agreement is available for approval and execution; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that the above described procurement be exempted from the competitive bidding requirements for good cause shown, pursuant to Subsection 2-710(a) of the Des Moines Municipal Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

- a) That good cause has been established to exempt the procurement of employee and retiree health insurance coverage from the competitive procurement

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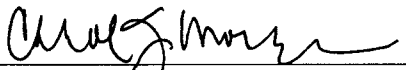
requirements of Des Moines Municipal Code Subsection 2-710(a); and

- b) That the rates for administrative services for the City's self-funded dental insurance plan as set out in the agreement from Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, is approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Des Moines.

(Council Communication 08- 286)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Approved as to Form:



 Carol J. Moser, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
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HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
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MEYER				
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MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	
_____ Mayor				

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.

_____ City Clerk