

★ Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

47B ✓

Date September 8, 2008

APPOINTMENT OF RANDY WETMORE AS ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, Section 2-202 of the Des Moines Municipal Code authorizes the city manager to appoint an assistant city manager as the city manager deems necessary with the approval of the city council; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of City Manager Richard A. Clark to appoint Randy Wetmore as Assistant City Manager.

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

That the appointment of Randy Wetmore to the position of Assistant City Manager is hereby approved.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

Approved as to Form:

Carol J. Moser, Assistant City Attorney

Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COWNIE, COLEMAN, HENSLEY, KIERNAN, MAHAFFEY, MEYER, VLASSIS, and TOTAL.

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

September 5, 2008

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The Honorable Mayor  
and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Des Moines

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The accompanying roll call seeks your approval to appoint two Assistant City Managers. These positions, which include a replacement for Assistant City Manager Mike Matthes, are included in the adopted budget.

After conducting a nationwide search conducted by HR-One Source (Jack Lipovac – Owner) and submitting four finalists to a comprehensive interview process, I have selected Randy Wetmore of Tennessee and Chris Johansen, current Housing Services Director, for these positions.

Randy Wetmore attained his Bachelor of Science degree from Emporia State University in Kansas and then earned a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Kansas. He has been a City Manager in Kansas for the cities of Sterling, Concordia and Ottawa. He then served as City Manager of Roseburg, Oregon from 1990 to 2004 before assuming the role as Deputy City Administrator for Franklin, Tennessee until February of this year. Randy will begin his assignment no later than September 29 at an annual base salary of \$110,000, plus benefits.

The second position will be filled by Chris Johansen. Chris has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wartburg College and a Masters of Public Administration from Drake University. Chris began work with the City of Des Moines in 1998 as an Intern in the City Manager's Office and later held positions of Management Analyst, Acting Deputy Director of Housing Services, and has been the Housing Services Director since December 2003. Chris will retain his leadership of the Housing Services Department in addition to his Assistant City Manager responsibilities. Chris's base salary will also be \$110,000, plus benefits. Because Chris will continue to manage the Housing Services Department, a portion of his compensation will be funded from Housing revenues, resulting in an ongoing savings to the General Fund of about \$75,000 per year.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Clark  
City Manager



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