

September 22, 2008

Date

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, some property owners in the City of Des Moines have experienced issues with land sliding on their property as a result of the heavy rain events and flooding experienced in June and July of this year; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has a program entitled the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program that may be provide technical and financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the EWP Program requires the City to be the sponsor and apply for the federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, the program can provide up to 75% costs for installing eligible emergency treatments with a 25% cost share from the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet USDA deadlines, it is recommended that city staff be authorized and directed to apply for such assistance subject to obtaining agreements with the property owners that are acceptable to the Engineering, Public Works and Legal Departments

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the City Manger is authorized and directed to make application with the United States Department of Agriculture for assistance under the EWP Program subject to obtaining agreements with the property owners that are acceptable to the Engineering, Public Works and Legal Departments.

(Council Communication No. 08-577)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Kathleen Vanderpool, Deputy City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
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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