

Date November 20, 2006

APPROVAL OF EXTENSIONS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa (John Forsythe, CEO) has provided the City's employees with health insurance coverage since February 1, 2003 under a fully insured plan; and

WHEREAS, by action of the Des Moines City Council on April 10, 2006, Wellmark was approved as the City's insurance provider for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a switch to a different Wellmark network (Blue Choice Managed Care) will result in substantial savings to the City in its health insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, such a change necessitated that the City enter into collective bargaining with its represented employees; and

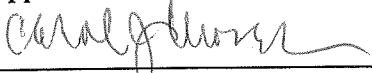
WHEREAS, approval has been obtained as described in the attached Council Communication ; and
 WHEREAS, it is recommended that the collective bargaining agreements with Central Iowa Public Employees Council (CIPEC); Municipal Employees Association (MEA); Des Moines Association of Professional Fire Fighters, Local 4 (Fire); Des Moines Police Bargaining Unit Association (Police); and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 61, Local 3673 (AFSCME) be approved and executed by the Mayor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:
 The Des Moines City Council approves the extensions of the collective bargaining agreements for CIPEC, MEA, Fire, Police and AFSCME, copies of which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and the Mayor is authorized to execute such extensions.

(Council Communication 06- 739)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Approved as to Form:


 Carol J. Moser, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
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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.

 Mayor

 City Clerk