

Date January 9, 2012

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE BLANK PARK ZOO FOUNDATION (BPZF)
 APPLICATION FOR A VISION IOWA COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM (CAT)
 GRANT TO BE USED FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE AFRICA EXHIBIT AT A. H. BLANK
 PARK ZOO AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2011 by Roll Call No. 11-0712, the City Council approved a long-term lease and management agreement with the BPZF for operation, management and maintenance of the A. H. Blank Park Zoo (Zoo); and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2011 by Roll Call No. 11-0709, the City Council approved a Conceptual Master Plan for the Zoo, which included a new Africa exhibit; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2011 by Roll Call No. 11-0715, the City Council approved an urban renewal economic development agreement with BPZF for an economic development grant in the amount of \$8,100,000 to be used for costs related to expansion, improvement and enhanced operations, management and maintenance of the Zoo; and

WHEREAS, the BPZF desires to apply for a CAT grant for partial funding of expenses relating to the development of an African exhibit; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds for such CAT grant, if awarded, will be required from the City due to the City's prior economic development grant award to BPZF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Council supports the Blank Park Zoo Foundation application for a Vision Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant for funding of expenses relating to the development of an African exhibit at the A. H. Blank Park Zoo and authorizes and directs the City Manager to send a letter to the Vision Iowa Board in support of such application on behalf of the City.
 (Council Communication Number 12- 020) Moved by _____ to adopt.

Approved as to Form:

Ann DiDonato
 Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

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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