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Date August 13, 2012

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMMUNICATE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO THE ENTIRE COUNCIL, RESCINDING ROLL CALL 95-4586 AND DIRECTING UTILIZATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC PROCESS FOR REVIEWING LEGISLATION AT COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

WHEREAS, the state and federal legislative processes and state and federal legislation have become extremely complex, with actions that dramatically affect the City of Des Moines and its citizens and taxpayers occurring frequently and sometimes with extremely detailed and multifaceted components; and,

WHEREAS, review of legislation is an extremely important part of City of Des Moines' functions and City Council functions and it is imperative that the entire City Council receive updates frequently during the legislative session at Council Workshops and other meetings as needed; and,

WHEREAS, the Council's Legislative Subcommittee is no longer a viable mechanism to keep the entire Council informed of complex legislative actions and proposals as more detailed information needs to be provided to the entire Council on a regular and recurring basis; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager should be directed to engender to keep the entire Council informed of legislative actions and proposals at Council Workshops during the legislative session and as otherwise needed, from time to time.

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

1. To enhance communication with the entire City Council, the City Manager is hereby directed to regularly communicate detailed legislative issues and proposed legislation to the entire City Council as the City Manager determines is needed and appropriate.
2. That Roll Call #95-4586 is hereby rescinded and the former Legislative Subcommittee is hereby dissolved.

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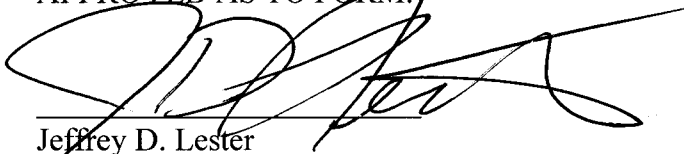
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3. That the City Manager is hereby directed to utilize a comprehensive public Council review process at Council Workshops occurring during the legislative session to review proposed legislation and legislative actions with the entire City Council, in detail.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jeffrey D. Lester
City Attorney

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| _____ 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

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August 7, 2012

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

Re: Legislative Reporting Process

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

There will be an agenda item on the August 13, 2012 Council meeting regarding a proposed change to our legislative reporting process. It is being recommended to provide legislative updates and other complex legislative actions to the entire City Council at Council Workshops during the legislative session. This will enhance communication with the entire City Council, and it will also utilize a comprehensive public Council review process.

At present, the City Council's Legislative Subcommittee is compromised of only a few Council Members so it is no longer a viable mechanism to keep the entire Council informed of complex legislative actions and proposals. By having the updates at the Council workshops, staff will be able to provide more detailed information to the entire Council on a regular and recurring basis.

These updates at the Council Workshop will also provide an opportunity to report to the entire Council on other issues, such as those discussed at the Metropolitan Advisory Council (MAC) monthly meetings.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick".

Richard A. Clark
City Manager

cc: City Clerk
City Attorney