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Resolution of Support for Local Government Collaboration

WHEREAS, local governments in central Iowa have long and positive experience in collaborating with each other in many areas of endeavor including economic development, recreation, public safety and infrastructure and,

WHEREAS, successful collaborations have been based on the concept of mutual benefit, where all parties are better off as a result of the collaborative arrangement, and

WHEREAS, the results of past intergovernmental collaboration have been better service for citizens and often a reduction in unit costs, and

WHEREAS, efficient and effective government is in the interest of all taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, elected officials have a key leadership role in promoting intergovernmental collaboration, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa through leadership, to accelerate the extent and frequency of intergovernmental collaboration for the purpose of improving the level of services and managing the cost of providing services of local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the City Manger is directed to take the following leadership actions in furtherance of this purpose:

1. Participate in regional efforts to identify opportunities for collaboration and partnership with other entities to make them successful.
2. Provide regular reports to the City Council on the progress of collaborative efforts.
3. Include in appropriate financial and management reports progress of collaborative efforts.

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4. Anticipate and highlight opportunities that emerge in the regular course of City operations such as key retirements, contract expirations, large equipment purchases, physical facility decisions or bulk purchases, and require that collaborative opportunities have been explored before approving any action on such matters.
5. Thoroughly review, evaluate and make recommendations on any collaboration opportunity presented from another governmental jurisdiction.
6. Respond to requests from other regional entities for information on collaborative efforts.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lawrence R. McDowell
Deputy City Attorney

(Council Communication No. 12-441)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
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