



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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June 23, 2014

Date

AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTION OF \$15,000 TO POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION FOR JESTER PARK CONSERVATION CENTER

WHEREAS, environmentally sound practices, including natural resource management, facilities construction and management, and education is a high priority with the Des Moines City Council and the Park and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Conservation Board desires to develop and construct a Jester Park Conservation Center and is raising funds for that project, including seeking a grant from the Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Program through Vision Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Iowa Board has requested participation from the nearby cities and the Polk County Board of Supervisors in order for Polk County Conservation to receive a grant; and

WHEREAS, Polk County has committed \$200,000 toward this project and the cities of Ankeny, Granger, Grimes, Johnston, Polk City and West Des Moines have made financial commitments to this project to date; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Conservation Board requests that the City of Des Moines make a financial commitment of \$15,000 to this project in order for the Vision Iowa Board requirements to be met; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from Fiscal Year 2014-15 Operating Budget, Park and Recreation Department, Management Services, G001 PK001200, page 155.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that a contribution in the amount of \$15,000 to Polk County Conservation for development of the Jester Park Conservation Center is hereby approved, subject to the requirements that such contribution shall not be made until Polk County Conservation has secured full funding for such project and has approved the construction agreement, and subject to the condition that the Park and Recreation Department shall have the right to use meeting and education facilities at such Conservation Center without charge for such facilities for 10 days per year for a period of 5 years after the Conservation Center is open to the public.

(Council Communication No. 14-298

Moved by _____ to approve.

Approved As To Form;

Ann. DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

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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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk