



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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April 11, 2016

Date

Request from Colleen Kinney, 632 40th Street, to speak regarding public transparency and accountability.

Moved by _____ to

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
HENSLEY				
MOORE				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	

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

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April 6, 2016

Dear Mayor Cownie and City Council members,

In an effort to ensure public transparency and accountability, would the City Council please hire outside legal expert(s) to research and report back in a public hearing before the Sept. 26, 2016 City Council hearing the following:

- create a plan clearly identifying the steps for an official to follow if a conflict or perceived conflict occurs;
- identify the process officials shall follow for public disclosure prior to voting;
- clarify circumstances when officials are expected to disqualify themselves;
- define formal process for complaints, policies and consequences; and
- evaluate language in the Oath of Office (see next page), Iowa and city code; and
- provide other findings and recommendations?

The intent of this request is for officials to avoid any action(s), which might result in the appearance of:

- adversely affecting the public's confidence in the integrity of the City of Des Moines;
- using public office for private gain;
- having a personal investment in any enterprise which will create a conflict or perceived conflict between private interests and that of the public's interest;
- Prior to voting on a matter in which an official may reasonably be considered to have a conflict of interest, the official shall make publicly available any and all written and electronic communication related to any potential conflict of interest; and
- taking any official action on matters which would foreseeably affect his or her own financial interests, or the financial interests of his or her immediate family members, partners, employers (other than the city), prospective employers, or organizations for which he/ she serves as an officer, director, partner or trustee, etc.

Thank you for considering this request to ensure the public's trust in its elected officials.

Sincerely,



Colleen Kinney
632 40th Street
Des Moines, IA 50312



**OATH OF OFFICE
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL**



All-America City
1949 1976 1981 2003

I _____ do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability, discharge all the duties of the office of

in the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as now or hereafter required by law.

SIGNATURE

Subscribed and sworn to me by the said above, signed on this _____ day of _____, 20_____

**Notary Public in and for
Polk County, Iowa**
