



Date November 9, 2020

APPROVING COOPERATIVE PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLK COUNTY AND THE CENTRAL IOWA WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR THE FUNDING OF A WATERSHED COORDINATOR POSITION

WHEREAS, flooding and water quality along Fourmile Creek and Walnut Creek has impacted Des Moines residential and commercial properties, and

WHEREAS, the City, along with Polk County, and various other communities have entered into a 28E agreement to create the Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority has developed and approved the 2015 Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City, along with Polk County, and various other communities have entered into a 28E agreement to create the Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority has developed and approved the 2016 Walnut Creek Watershed Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority, the Mud, Camp, and Spring Creek Watershed Management Authority and the Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority are collectively referred to as the Central Iowa Watershed Management Authorities (“CIWMA”); and

WHEREAS, Polk County has negotiated a Cooperative Agreement with Polk County and the CIWMA members to hire a shared Watershed Coordinator with all CIWMA members paying a proportionate share of the cost, based upon population and drainage area within the watersheds, with the annual cost to the City of Des Moines of \$37,000 (“the Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement remains in effect for each party until that party provides notice of termination; and

WHEREAS, the members of CIWMA participating in this Agreement consist of the following governmental entities: the City of Alleman, the City of Altoona, the City of Ankeny, the City of Bondurant, the City of Clive, the City of Des Moines, the City of Elkhart, the City of Grimes, the City of Johnston, the City of Mitchellville, the City of Pleasant Hill, Polk County, the City of Runnells, the City of Sheldahl, the City of Slater, Story County, the City of Urbandale, the City of Waukee, the City of West Des Moines, and the City of Windsor Heights, (“the Parties”); and



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WHEREAS, pursuant to a prior agreement, the Parties each allocated funding to employ a Watershed Coordinator position within Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District and later within Polk County, Iowa. The purpose of funding the Watershed Coordinator position was to more efficiently implement and fund the Watershed Management Plans developed by each Watershed Management Authority operating within the CIWMA. The prior agreement ends on September 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions of the Parties with respect to funding and employing a Watershed Coordinator position to more efficiently implement and fund the Watershed Management Plans developed by each Watershed Management Authority operating within the CIWMA; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the Parties and the CIWMA to fund a Watershed Coordinator position to more efficiently implement and fund the Watershed Management Plans developed by each Watershed Management Authority operating within the CIWMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Cooperative Public Service Agreement Between Polk County, Iowa and the Central Iowa Watershed Management Authorities for the Funding of a Watershed Coordinator Position, in an amount not to exceed \$37,000 annually for the City's share of funding, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk Office, is hereby approved and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, said Cooperative Agreement for and on behalf of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

(Council Communication No. 20- 471) Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato
Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
MANDELBAUM				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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