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Date May 18, 2009

RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO EXTEND THE DES MOINES GATEWAY ENTERPRISE ZONE FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS

WHEREAS, Des Moines, Iowa is an eligible "Enterprise Zone" city pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 15E.191-.196, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has complied with all requirements to participate in the State of Iowa Enterprise Zone program, and;

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa Enterprise Zone program has proven of great benefit to businesses, individuals and citizens of Des Moines, Iowa, and;

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Zone eligibility and designation expires in July of 2009 and there is a legitimate developmental need to extend for an additional ten year period the Des Moines Gateway Enterprise Zone (formerly EZ-3) bounded generally by I-235 on the north, Pennsylvania Avenue / East 7th Street to East Vine Street to the Des Moines River on the east, the Raccoon River on the south and west and 19th Street to Woodland Avenue to 10th Street on the west, comprising approximately 1217 acres and first certified by the Iowa Department of Economic Development on June 21, 1999, and:

WHEREAS, Iowa statutes confer responsibility for Enterprise Zone administration upon the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa requests the following actions of the Iowa Department of Economic Development:

- 1. Consider this petition at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Department of Economic Development;
2. Find that the Des Moines Gateway Enterprise Zone (formerly EZ-3), comprising 1,217 acres, as first certified on June 21, 1999, currently meets two of the following five eligibility criteria in order to be considered eligible for extension:

- The area has a per capita income of \$12,648 or less based on the 2000 Census.
[X] The area has a family poverty rate of 12% or higher based on the 2000 Census.
[X] Ten percent or more of the housing units are vacant in the area.
The valuation of each class of property in the designated area is 75% or less than the citywide average for that classification based upon the most recent valuations for property tax purposes.
The area is a blighted area, as defined in Iowa Code section 403.17.



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(Supporting documentation demonstrating that the designated area meets each of the selected eligibility criteria is attached.)

- 3. Certify that the Des Moines Gateway Enterprise Zone (formerly (EZ-3) be extended for another ten years.

(Council Communication No. 09-332 attached)

MOVED by Kiernan to approve

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

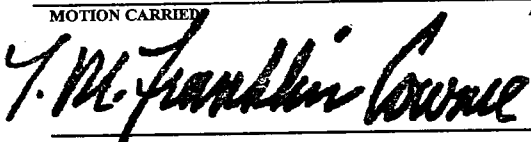

 Michael F. Kelley
 Assistant City Attorney

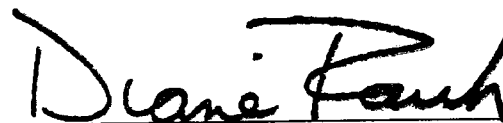
COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				✓
COLEMAN	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
KIERNAN	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
VLASSIS	✓			
TOTAL	6			1

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.


 Y. M. Franklin Cownie
 Mayor


 Diane Rauh
 City Clerk