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Date April 25, 2011

APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN BY BLANK PARK ZOO FOUNDATION, INC. FOR  
A. H. BLANK PARK ZOO AND PARK

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, by Roll Call No. 05-1376, the City Council approved a 28E Operational Agreement with the Blank Park Zoo Foundation, Inc. ("BPZF") for the BPZF to undertake the operation and management of the A.H. Blank Park Zoo ("Zoo") and A. H. Blank Park ("Park"), which expires June 30, 2015 ("the 2005 Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the BPZF desires to enhance and improve the Zoo and Park by being responsible for the construction and funding of improvements to the Zoo and Park in the amount of not less than \$16,000,000, pursuant to a conceptual Master Plan for development of the Zoo and Park; and

WHEREAS, a Lease, Operation, Management and Maintenance Agreement with BPZF has been negotiated which terminates the 2005 Agreement and in which the BPZF has agreed to construct at its cost at least \$16,600,000.00 in improvements at the Zoo and Park by December 31, 2015 pursuant to a conceptual Master Plan, which plan is subject to approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the BPZF has developed a conceptual Master Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto, for construction of improvements in the Zoo and Park, including various African exhibits, Australia exhibits, a reconstructed Sea Lion Pool, Park entrance improvements and exhibits, and other projects; and

WHEREAS, such Master Plan includes potential areas for potential development beyond 2015, with areas designated as "Oceans", "African Forest" and "Future Asia", and any projects for such areas which are not described in the attached Master Plan would require an amendment of the Plan, which is subject to City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, approval of this Master Plan does not require the City to provide funding in addition to that described in the Lease Agreement and \$8,100,000 per a proposed Economic Development Agreement with BPZF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the attached conceptual Master Plan for development of A. H. Blank Park Zoo and A. H. Blank Park is hereby accepted and approved.

(Council Communication 11-229)

Moved by Coleman to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato  
Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

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.

T. M. Franklin  
Mayor

Diane Rauh  
City Clerk