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Date June 9, 2014

AUTHORIZING THE BLANK PARK ZOO FOUNDATION (BPZF) TO CONDUCT CONTAMINANT ASSESSMENTS OF HISTORIC FORT DES MOINES BUILDINGS 138, 308, AND 309 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE OWNERSHIP SECTION OF BPZF'S HISTORIC RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM/REAP GRANT APPLICATION FOR SUCH ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-0712, the City Council authorized the execution of a lease, operation, management, and maintenance agreement with the Blank Park Zoo Foundation (BPZF) for the A.H. Blank Park Zoo (Zoo). Buildings 138, 308, 309, and 135 of historic Fort Des Moines are within the external geographic boundaries of the leased area, but are excluded from the lease; and

WHEREAS, the BPZF has submitted a Historic Resource Development Program/Resource Enhancement and Protection (HRDP/REAP) grant application to complete contaminant assessments including identification and quantification of asbestos-containing materials, lead-based paint, and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) of Fort Des Moines National Historic Landmark Buildings 138, 308, and 309, as well as pesticide sampling of Building 138; and

WHEREAS, the City, as the owner of the property, must sign a form giving permission for the applicant to carry out the project described in the HRDP/REAP grant application; and

WHEREAS, having a clear picture of the contaminants of each building will help determine the prudent next steps for the Zoo's future expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the Blank Park Zoo Foundation is authorized to conduct a contaminant assessment of buildings 138, 308, and 309 of historic Fort Des Moines and the Mayor is authorized to execute the ownership section of the above described Historic Resource Development Program/Resource Enhancement and Protection grant application, subject to the conditions that BPZF shall submit a copy to the City of all studies created under such grant, no entry into the buildings will occur until an access agreement from the Real Estate Division has been issued, and BPZF's consultant shall be required to indemnify the City for report findings.

(Council Communication No. 14-260)

Moved by Hensley to approve.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHARFEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin Council Mayor

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.

Diane Rauh City Clerk

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USED