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AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO FORMAL DISCUSSIONS TO EVALUATE THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES BY RED ROCK AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Community Action Agency provides direct services to low-income qualified families in the City of Des Moines through federal Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP); and

WHEREAS, the Housing Services Director has reached out to the Red Rock Area Community Action Program, Inc. ("Red Rock") regarding the possible provision of community action agency programs in the City of Des Moines by Red Rock; and

WHEREAS, Red Rock provides community action agency programs to is a large geographical area surrounding the City of Des Moines, including all other areas of Polk County Boone, Jasper, Marion and Warren Counties; and

WHEREAS, due to the reduction in federal funding administered through the State of Iowa Division of Community Action Agencies, potential efficiencies through consolidated provision of services, service delivery to low-income families at a regional level and the ability of Red Rock, a non-profit corporation, to privately fund-raise additional support dollars the provision of community action agency services in the City of Des Moines by Red Rock should be considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Des Moines City Council that:

1. The City Manager and his designees are hereby authorized to enter into formal discussions with the Red Rock Area Community Action Program, Inc. and the State of Iowa Division of Community Action Agencies to evaluate the feasibility and potential benefits to service delivery for provision of community action agency programs in the City of Des Moines by Red Rock and such discussions shall incorporate the following guiding principles:
 - a. The City of Des Moines shall have representation equal to each county as part of the one-third public official membership on the Red Rock Board of Directors mandated by Iowa Code Section 216A.94;
 - b. All community action programs currently provided by the City of Des Moines shall be continuously provided within the City by Red Rock at or above current service and funding levels;

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- c. The proportion of Des Moines Community Action Agency service dollars currently distributed for programs to Des Moines residents to the total amount of service dollars distributed in the Red Rock and Des Moines Community Action Agency areas shall not be decreased;
- d. All current City of Des Moines employees administering the community action agency programs, with the exception of the Housing Services Director, shall be guaranteed initial employment with Red Rock and retention based on performance with salary and benefit packages in accordance with Red Rock's compensation and benefit offerings that are based on duration of employment;
- e. The Red Rock administrative site office shall be relocated to Polk County Riverplace subject to agreement on lease terms with Polk County, Iowa.

2. The City Manager is hereby directed to report to the City Council on the progress of discussions and its evaluation and recommendations relating to the provision of community action agency programs in the City of Des Moines by Red Rock.

(Council Communication No. 14- 477)

Moved by Gatto to approve.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lawrence R. McDowell
Deputy City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
GATTO	✓			
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.

City Clerk