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Date January 26, 2015

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT WITH THE RED ROCK AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. (RED ROCK) IN ANTICIPATION OF RED ROCK ASSUMING COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN DES MOINES

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, Red Rock Area Community Action Program, Inc. ("Red Rock") provides community action agency programs to 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, the Des Moines City Council on October 6, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1601 authorized 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; 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established the following list of Guiding Principles in the event the City ceases as the Community Action Agency and Red Rock is designated by the State of Iowa as the replacement Agency to serve the area of Des Moines:

- 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;
- 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;



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- 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 benefits in accordance with Red Rock's compensation and benefit offerings;
- e. The Red Rock administrative site office shall be relocated to Polk County Riverplace subject to agreement on lease terms with Polk County, Iowa; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Des Moines City Council that the City Manager and Legal Department are authorized and directed to negotiate an agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Red Rock, in anticipation of Red Rock assuming Community Action Agency programs and services in Des Moines, which agreement shall incorporate the above noted Guiding Principles and the establishment of a Policy Advisory Board and funding allocations as referenced in the accompanying Council Communication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the negotiated agreement and related documents be submitted to the City Council for consideration and approval.

(Council Communication No. 15- 040)

Moved by Coleman to adopt; the City Manager will schedule a workshop on this topic and include information regarding how the citizens of Des Moines will be served, board representation and the effect on the existing employees.

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 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