

★ Roll Call Number

15-0557

Agenda Item Number

MHGB-4

Date April 6, 2015

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND HOUSING SERVICES  
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO FORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RED ROCK  
AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. (RED ROCK) FOR CONTRACTING  
THE DES MOINES MUNICIPAL HOUSING AGENCY'S SECTION 8 AND FAMILY  
SELF-SUFFICIENCY OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency provides direct services to low-income qualified families through Federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) contracts and grants; and

WHEREAS, Red Rock Area Community Action Program, Inc. ("Red Rock") provides rental assistance 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 January 26, 2015, by Roll Call No. 15-0145 directed the City Manager to negotiate an agreement between the City and Red Rock in anticipation of Red Rock assuming Community Action Agency programs and services in Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, due to the reduction in Federal funding administered through HUD, contracting of Section 8 and Family Self-Sufficiency management and operations by Red Rock should be considered; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board is establishing the following list of Guiding Principles in the event the Agency contracts with Red Rock to manage and operate the Section 8 and Family Self-Sufficiency programs:

- a. All current Municipal Housing Agency employees administering the Section 8 and Family Self-Sufficiency operations, with the exception of the Housing Services Director, shall be guaranteed initial employment, subject to HUD funding, with Red Rock and retention based on performance with salary and benefits in accordance with Red Rock's compensation and benefit offerings;
- b. Red Rock to expend between 98% to 102% of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) funds each year;
- c. Red Rock to comply with all rules, regulations and Agency Plan policies adopted by the Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board;
- d. Red Rock to provide bi-annual updates each year to the Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board on the status of the Section 8 and Family Self-Sufficiency programs.

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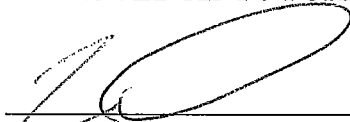
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board that the City Manager and Housing Services Director are authorized and directed to enter into formal discussions with Red Rock, in anticipation of contracting with Red Rock for the operation and management of the Section 8 and Family Self-Sufficiency programs of the Municipal Housing Agency in accordance with the above noted Guiding Principles.

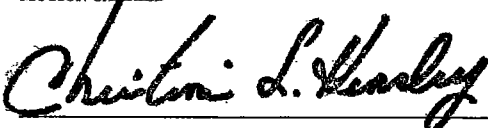
(Board Communication No. 15-187)

Moved by Coleman to refer to the City Manager to proceed with discussions regarding structure and processes, and to keep the employees, union and Council Members informed.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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 Lawrence R. McDowell  
 Deputy City Attorney

M.H.A.G.B ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				✓
COLEMAN	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
GATTO		✓		
MOORE		✓		
TOTAL	4	2		1

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED  
  
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 MAYOR PRO TEM

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City of Des Moines, Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board, 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.

  
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 City Clerk