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Date July 13, 2015

APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LUKE DESMET AS ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE LITIGATION DIVISION

WHEREAS, upon the termination of an agreement with outside contracted attorney Mark Godwin, PLC, it has been necessary to reorganize assignments within the Litigation Division of the Legal Department; and

WHEREAS, the prior contracted attorney possessed lengthy and significant institutional knowledge not available from the market, generally; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced a significant increase in litigation, and specifically in class action and other weighty litigation that is requiring more time and energy of the Division's Senior Litigators and therefore it is desirous to hire an attorney to handle the remaining litigation not being handled by the Division's Senior Litigators; and

WHEREAS, Luke DeSmet has demonstrated such performance and abilities and has been recommended for appointment effective July 13, 2015 to the position of Assistant City Attorney pending successful completion of a physical/drug screen and background check by the Human Resources Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the appointment of Luke DeSmet as Assistant City Attorney is hereby approved effective July 13, 2015.

MOVED by Moore to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

[Signature of Jeffrey D. Lester]

Jeffrey D. Lester City Attorney

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

[Signature: Y. M. Franklin Council]

[Signature: Diane Rauh]