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Date April 22, 2019

APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ONLY AGREEMENT WITH WELLMARK BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF IOWA FOR EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH PLANS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 AND APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CURRENT AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 TO REFLECT LOWER ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

WHEREAS, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for employee health insurance on October 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received from Aetna, United Health (UMR), Health Partners, and Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa ("Wellmark"); and

WHEREAS, Wellmark, John Forsyth, Chairman and CEO, 1331 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, received the highest overall score based on the criteria outlined in the RFP for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Wellmark has provided claims administration services for the City's self-insured employee and retiree health plan since the City returned to a self-funded plan in FY11; and

WHEREAS, Wellmark also has agreed to reduce their guaranteed administrative fee rate cap from 4% to 2% for the last year of the existing service agreement expiring on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain consistency in plan administration and provider networks, it is recommended that the City award the contract to Wellmark to administer the City's health plan.

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

That an agreement with Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa, John Forsyth, Chairman and CEO, 1331 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, to provide claims administration for the City's employee and retiree health plan for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2026 and amending the current contract that expires June 30, 2020 is approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Des Moines.



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Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Approved as to form:

Carol J. Moser, Deputy City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		

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.

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk