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Date September 9, 2019

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO THE
GREATER DES MOINES PARTNERSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 TO ASSIST THE
PROPOSED LOCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A DOWNTOWN YEAR-AROUND FARMERS
MARKET**

WHEREAS, the Greater Des Moines Partnership is in the process of forming a nonprofit corporation and has initiated preliminary work for the location and development of a year-around downtown farmers market; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Des Moines Partnership has requested assistance with its efforts to identify, secure and perform due diligence on an appropriate site for the development of a year-around downtown farmers market which could include use of the former Central Fire Station No. 1 at 900 Mulberry Street and the City Manager recommends that the City provide assistance in the form of an economic development grant in the amount of \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, the economic development grant to the Greater Des Moines Partnership in the furtherance of the location and development of a year-around downtown farmers market will further the public purposes of Iowa Code Chapter 15A to provide a positive economic impact on the City by enhancing the quality of life within the City and by contributing to the City's efforts to retain and attract a skilled workforce and promote economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the economic development grant assistance to the Greater Des Moines Partnership for the purposes of the location and development of a year-around downtown farmers market will generate public gains and benefits for economic development which gains and benefits are warranted in the comparison with the amount of such assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute a grant agreement in form prepared by the Legal Department for an economic development grant payment in the amount of \$40,000 to the Greater Des Moines Partnership for use in assisting Partnership efforts to identify, secure and perform due diligence for an appropriate site of the year-around downtown farmers market and the Finance Director is directed to make payment in accordance with the grant agreement.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is directed to negotiate potential repayment of the grant as part of any required development agreement amendments or approvals for use of the former Central Fire Station No. 1 property.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lawrence R. McDowell
Deputy City Attorney

Moved by Coleman to adopt; refer to the City Manager and City Attorney to make two amendments to the development agreement to accommodate a change in use of the building and to have the Mayor appoint one person to the board.

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Frankhu Cownie 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.

Diane Rauh City Clerk