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Date June 26, 2023

**APPROVING ARPA FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH TREES FOREVER, INC.
FOR SUPPLEMENTAL TREE PLANTING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-0060, the City Council approved an Agreement for Tree Planting Services with Trees Forever, Inc. (“Agency”), by which the City engages the Agency to provide the services of purchasing, planting, and watering a minimum goal of at least 533 trees per year on City-owned property in collaboration with the City to ensure those services are directed to targeted areas based on need; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, Congress enacted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) to provide relief to combat the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City has received ARPA funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and the City desires to aid nonprofit organizations to address the disparate inequities that impacted the Des Moines community; and

WHEREAS, Trees Forever, Inc. (“Agency”) seeks to use ARPA funding to supplement its existing work on behalf of the City pursuant to the above-referenced Agreement for Tree Planting Services (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project will serve the public purposes of creating better environmental, economic and social conditions in Des Moines, including improvement of development and employment of youth on their paths to productive adulthood, progress in city-wide economic development, and developing safer, more sociable and cohesive neighborhoods, as well as aiding the mitigation of stormwater runoff and improved air quality; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into an ARPA Funding Agreement (“Agreement”) to provide a financial grant in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 in support of the Project, to be paid in four annual installments over the course of the Agreement.

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

1. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to expend ARPA federal funds received by the City from the U.S. Department of Treasury, OMB Number 1505-0271, titled Corona Virus Local Fiscal Recover Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
2. The Grant Agreement between the City and Trees Forever, Inc. for the Project for a grant not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, in form on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby



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approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Agreement, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

- 3. The City Manager and City Forester are authorized and directed to administer said Agreement and monitor compliance thereof on behalf of the City.

(Council Communication No. 23-321)

MOVED by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank
Glenna K. Frank
Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk