



Roll Call Number

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Agenda Item Number

I

Date December 18, 2023

Sponsored by Council Members Boesen, Gatto,
Mandelbaum, Voss, Coleman & Westergaard

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
MAYOR T.M. FRANKLIN COWNIE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES AND ITS
RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS T.M. Franklin Cownie has dedicated nearly 4 decades of his life to serving the people of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS Mayor Cownie was elected as Mayor of Des Moines in 2003, after previously years of service as an at-large member of the Council, on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and with Downtown Des Moines Inc.; and

WHEREAS Mayor Cownie has led Des Moines through many historical events, such as natural disasters, a global pandemic, and economic hardship; and

WHEREAS Mayor Cownie will be remembered as the driving force behind the redevelopment and revitalization of downtown Des Moines into the bustling hub of living, working, and playing it is today; and

WHEREAS Mayor Cownie was the leader for the Community Character Plan, which brought about a new level of planning and input from resident groups; and

WHEREAS Mayor Cownie has long been a voice for local government, and has put significant effort towards raising the profile of city issues at the state, federal and international levels, creating strong relationships with other policymakers across the country that in turn benefited the residents of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS Mayor Cownie has taken his leadership beyond the City, as a Trustee for the U.S. Conference of Mayors, as Global President of ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, and U.S. President of Mayors for Peace; and

WHEREAS Mayor Cownie has directed the City to become a national leader in climate mitigation and adaptation policy, working to pass ambitious climate goals and ADAPT DSM, the City's most comprehensive climate action plan; and

WHEREAS Mayor Cownie has been the longest serving Mayor in Des Moines history, and will leave a legacy of compassion, diplomacy, humanity, and stewardship because he always kept the residents and resiliency of the City of Des Moines at the forefront of his service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that T.M. Franklin Cownie is hereby recognized by the City Council for his historical years of service and leadership to the City and to its residents, and is recognized in particular for his compassion, diplomacy, and humanity.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT T.M. Franklin Cownie will be appointed as the CITY OF DES MOINES CLIMATE AMBASSADOR effective January 8th, 2024 and will serve as the City’s liaison for all climate adaptation, mitigation and resiliency policy until January 2027.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Second by _____.

Council Member Boesen read the resolution before the meeting. No vote was taken.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Jeffrey D. Lester

Jeffrey D. Lester, City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
GATTO				
MANDELBAUM				
COLEMAN				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

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.

T.M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk