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APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Food Security Task Force was established in December of 2020 with an emphasis on strengthening community food resilience in the face of a changing climate, connecting residents and local businesses with the knowledge and resources to grow their own food, and to increase access to nutritious, sustainable, locally grown food; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this mission, three goals were created:

1. Work with the City Manager to develop and promote urban agricultural best practices and answer frequently asked questions about the growing of food within the city;
2. Research best practices related to urban agriculture in other urban areas, compare them to City practices, and make recommendations for ordinances based on those practices;
3. Develop a resource guide on where to find tools, soil, compost, seeds, seedlings, laying hens, honeybees, and other urban agriculture equipment, supplies, and guidance; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Task Force has established initial guidance for continued citywide efforts that advance urban agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force's initial work has highlighted the need for structural changes to address the economic, social, and environmental risks to the City's local food system and those most vulnerable to impacts from food system challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Des Moines has determined it to be in the best interests of the City and its residents to reestablish the Food Security Task Force for a one-year term to evaluate systemic challenges and opportunities for the City of Des Moines to promote and protect local food security.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA, that:

1. The Food Security Task Force is hereby re-established for a period of one year from the date hereof;
2. The Following individuals are hereby appointed to the Food Security Task Force:
 - Sheila Knopoloh-Odole, Esq.;
 - Jennie Erwin;
 - Hailey Boudreau;
 - Matt Unger;



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- Alejandro-Murguiz-Ortiz;
- Vanessa Silva;
- Katherine Klingensmith;
- Luke Lynch – Alternate;
- Aaron Thormodsen – Alternate.

3. The Food Security Task Force’s initial goals shall be as follows:
- Work with the City Manager to strengthen local food systems through joint planning, coordination, and service delivery, aligned with City plans, initiatives, and programs, including ADAPT DSM;
 - Identify and work to fill gaps in food access citywide and determine ways the City of Des Moines can work to reduce barriers to food access, expand local food options, and reduce food deserts; and
 - Collect, review, evaluate, create, and share relevant public information and data to increase awareness of food security and insecurity in the City and expand resources available through the FEED DSM initiative.

(Council Communication No. 24-020)

MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT.

SECOND BY Voss

Approved as to form:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.
Gary D. Goudelock Jr., Assistant City Attorney

| COUNCIL ACTION | YEAS | NAYS | PASS | ABSENT |
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| BOESEN | ✓ | | | |
| VOSS | ✓ | | | |
| COLEMAN | ✓ | | | |
| WESTERGAARD | ✓ | | | |
| MANDELBAUM | ✓ | | | |
| GATTO | ✓ | | | |
| TOTAL | 6 | | | |
| MOTION CARRIED | APPROVED | | | |

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.

Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk