



Roll Call Number

25-1223

Agenda Item Number

42

Date September 8, 2025

**APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE DES MOINES CAROUSEL FOUNDATION FOR
CONSTRUCTION, FUNDING, AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO
THE DES MOINES HERITAGE CAROUSEL IN UNION PARK**

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department is charged with providing recreational opportunities, leisure activities, and facilities throughout Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Carousel Foundation has operated the vintage Des Moines Heritage Carousel at Union Park and contributed funds towards the construction of a pavilion to house the carousel, which was constructed in 2000; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-243, the Des Moines City Council approved an Operating Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Carousel Foundation to operate the carousel, including providing maintenance of the carousel, which expired on December 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-0316, the Des Moines City Council approved a new Operating Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Carousel Foundation allowing the Foundation to continue to operate the carousel and to provide maintenance of the carousel with a term ending on December 1, 2020, and extending for an additional term of ten years unless either party provides written notice of termination; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Carousel Foundation now wishes to construct an open-air shelter and restroom adjoining and associated with the Carousel ("Improvements") to be maintained and operated along with the carousel itself by the Foundation for the duration of the Operating Agreement, including funding, design and construction of the Improvements and maintenance and operation following construction, without financial contribution by the City and which Improvements shall become property of the City upon completion of construction and acceptance by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Parks and Recreation Department Director and the Des Moines Carousel Foundation agree that it is of mutual benefit to the residents and visitors of Des Moines that said Project be constructed, and the Department Director recommends approval of agreement, in form on file with the City Clerk, setting forth the terms of the Project.

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

1. The Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Carousel Foundation for Construction, Funding, and Maintenance of Park Shelter and Restroom at Union Park associated with the Des Moines Heritage Carousel, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, is hereby approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk is directed to attest to her signature.
2. The Parks and Recreation Department Director or designee(s) are authorized and directed to administer and monitor said Agreement, and to negotiate an amendment to the Operating Agreement with the Des Moines Carousel Foundation to include the Improvements, which amendment will be submitted to City Council for consideration.



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(Council Communication No. 25-327)

MOVED BY Gatto to adopt.

SECOND BY Voss.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Connie Boesen

Mayor

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.

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk