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Date September 8, 2025

**APPROVING COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM GRANT AGREEMENT WITH IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND ICON WATER TRAILS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE BIRDLAND PARK MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1 PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department submitted an application, in coordination with ICON Water Trails (“ICON”), to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (“IEDA”) through IEDA’s Community Attraction and Tourism (“CAT”) Program as part of the City’s Birdland Park Master Plan Improvements – Phase 1A project (“Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, IEDA has approved the CAT grant application for the Project in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and has prepared a Community Attraction and Tourism Grant Agreement (“Agreement”) for such Project, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk’s Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department Director recommends approval of this Agreement as the Project should result in a variety of improvements to Birdland Park, including but not limited to relocation of the boat ramp, dock, and parking, installation of two open-air shelters, three fishing sites, improvements to approximately 2,100 linear feet of trail, an ADA-accessible playground, a restroom and concession building, a deck on the Ding Darling Shelter, a skating ribbon, and a redesigned ICON water trails access point; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager further recommends approval of this Agreement subject to and following negotiation with IEDA and ICON to address the involvement of both the City and ICON and the rights and obligations of the City and ICON in regard to their respective portions of the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate with IEDA and ICON the terms of the Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant Agreement between the City, ICON, and IEDA for the Project for a grant of \$1,000,000.00, and is further authorized and directed to sign, or to designate the Parks and Recreation Department Director to sign, said Agreement following negotiations and subject to approval of Agreement as to form by the Legal Department.

(Council Communication No. 25-343)

MOVED by Gatto to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Deputy City Attorney

SECOND by Voss.

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

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