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AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FORESTRY DIVISION TO SIGN AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND FUNDING PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Public Works Department, Forestry Division is responsible for the planning, planting, maintenance, protection, and long-term management of the City's tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry Division plans, develops, and implements many operations and programs to assist with developing and maintaining a healthy urban forest and canopy within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry Division has opportunities to apply for various grants and other funding programs by governmental or private entities to provide and enhance the City's urban canopy and forests with additional funding and/or other assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Des Moines to authorize the Public Works Director or their designee in the Forestry Division to sign and submit applications for grants or other funding programs on behalf of the City of Des Moines for the above described purposes in order to expedite meeting such application deadlines.

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

1. The Public Works Director or their designee in the Forestry Division is hereby authorized to sign and submit applications for grants and other funding opportunities related to urban forestry purposes on behalf of the City of Des Moines, provided that: (a) the total funding amount requested in any individual grant application does not exceed \$100,000; and (b) the grant application does not require a local cash match, in-kind match, or other financial obligation to the City.
2. Any application requesting funding in excess of \$100,000 shall require prior approval by separate resolution of the City Council before submission.
3. This authorization is limited solely to the submission of grant applications and does not authorize the acceptance of grant funds or the execution of grant agreements.
4. The City Council by resolution shall be required to accept any funds resulting from such applications or to enter into any agreements relating to the acceptance of such funds, and therefore the Public Works Department shall not have the authority to accept any such funds or enter into agreements resulting from such applications without the prior authorization of the City Council.

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Approved as to form:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill

Chas M. Cahill

Assistant City Attorney

Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt.

Second by SIMONSON

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
BARRON	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
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 Bowen

Mayor

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk