

June 24, 2013

Date **APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH IDNR, POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD, POLK COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP, AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF EASTER LAKE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT, PHASE I**

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-0358, the City Council approved an Intergovernmental 28E Cooperative Agreement with Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Polk County Conservation Board to fund development of an Easter Lake Water Quality Plan; and

WHEREAS, such Water Quality Management Plan for restoration of Easter Lake (“the Plan”) has been developed; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-1574, the City Council approved support for Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District application for an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Watershed Implementation Grant in the amount of \$692,726.50 to begin implementation of Phase I of the Plan, which included the City’s commitment to provide matching funds of up to \$599,787.50 for Phase I projects; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of Phase I of the Plan is estimated to be \$1,851,139 over a three year period beginning in FY2014 and it is anticipated that the funding needed for Phase I which exceeds the amount of the IDNR grant will be provided by the City of Des Moines, Polk County Conservation Board, Iowa Department of Natural Resources Lake Restoration program, and other grant opportunities if they become available; and

WHEREAS, the IDNR has requested that the City of Des Moines, Polk County Conservation Board, Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and Natural Resources Conservation Service enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to identify project managers for each party, agree to endeavor to cooperate with each other, and to develop a budget for Plan implementation for Phase I projects, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Council hereby approves the above described Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which is in the City’s Clerk’s Office, and authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute such Memorandum on behalf of the City.

(Council Communication No. 13- 338) Moved by _____ to adopt.

Approved as to Form:

Ann DiDonato

Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, 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.

Mayor

City Clerk