



Roll Call Number

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Date September 12, 2022

RESOLUTION TERMINATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CONTRACT BETWEEN MEREDITH OPERATIONS CORPORATION (FKA MEREDITH CORPORATION), THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND THE CITY OF DES MOINES

WHEREAS, On April 9, 2018, by Roll Call Number 18-0581, the City Council approved a resolution in support of an application for economic assistance between Meredith Corporation, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), and the City of Des Moines under the IEDA's High Quality Jobs (HQP) Program for investment tax credits and sales tax refund on construction materials for tenant improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project received approval from the Iowa Economic Development Authority's (IEDA's) for \$280,000 in investment tax credits, \$30,000 in research activities credit, and a \$150,000 refund of sales tax paid on construction materials for their expansion; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2018, by Roll Call Number 18-1518, the City Council approved a 3-party agreement (the "Contract") between IEDA, Meredith Corporation, and the City regarding financial assistance under the IEDA HQJ program on behalf of Meredith Corporation (1716 and 1615 Locust Street, Steve Gatton, State Tax Manager) under which Meredith indicated they would be investing \$20.6 million in their existing office and be creating 41 jobs at \$30 per hour, with a wage of \$33 per hour in three (3) years. The contract specified that the jobs needed to be created by March 31, 2021 and maintained until March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2021, by Roll Call Number 21-1928, the City Council approved a Contract amendment and assignment to Meredith Operations Corporation; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2022, the Senior Vice President of Meredith Operations Corporation requested that the Contract be terminated by IEDA and the City; and

WHEREAS, neither Meredith Operations Corporation, nor its predecessor, Meredith Corporation, have claimed any incentives under the Contract and the City will have no obligations and will be relinquishing no benefits if the Contract is terminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines that the City agrees to the termination of the Contract and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documentation necessary to finalize termination of the Contract.

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Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SHEUMAKER	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED				APPROVED

J. M. Frankhu Cowrie 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