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Date June 26, 2023

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE RIVERWALK DOG PARK AND LAURIDSEN SKATE PARK PARKING LOT WITH POLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department is charged with the responsibility of providing recreational activities, including dog parks such as the Riverwalk Dog Park, within the City of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously approved an agreement with Polk County, Iowa ("County") regarding the funding and construction of the downtown regional Lauridsen Skatepark adjoining the Riverwalk Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, Lauridsen Skatepark currently lacks dedicated parking facilities, and the County and Polk County Conservation Board have proposed the development of a shared use public parking lot to serve the Skatepark as well as the Riverwalk Dog Park on property located between Interstate-235 and University Avenue on the west bank of the Des Moines River; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department and Polk County have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding, on file in the office of the City Clerk, whereby the City will consider vacation and conveyance to Polk County of approximately 2.24 acres of parkland within the southern portion of Riverwalk Dog Park for use for the parking lot construction and facilities, in exchange and consideration for design and construction by Polk County of replacement dog park facilities immediately north of existing Riverwalk Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department Director recommends approval of said Memorandum of Understanding.

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

- 1. The Memorandum of Understanding for the Riverwalk Dog Park and Lauridsen Skate Park Parking Lot between Polk County, Iowa and the City of Des Moines is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign said agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to his signature.
2. The Parks and Recreation Department Director and City Engineer, and their respective designees, are directed to administer and monitor the Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with its terms.

(Council Communication No. 23 - 318 )

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

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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.

J. M. Frankin Cownie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk