



**Roll Call Number**

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**Date** January 8, 2024

**RESOLUTION APPROVING NAMING OF THE BUILDING AT 1200 LOCUST STREET AS THE T.M. FRANKLIN COWNIE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND WAIVING CITY COUNCIL NAMING POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, T.M. Franklin Cownie has dedicated nearly 4 decades of his life to serving the people of Des Moines having been elected Mayor of Des Moines in 2003, after previously serving as an at-large member of the Council, on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and with Downtown Des Moines Inc.; and

**WHEREAS** Mayor Cownie has led Des Moines through historical events including a pandemic, numerous floods and natural disasters and economic hardship; and

**WHEREAS** Mayor Cownie was the driving force behind the redevelopment and revitalization of downtown Des Moines into the bustling hub of living, working, and playing it is today; and

**WHEREAS**, City Administration is engaged chiefly in providing services to its residents and Mayor Cownie was always dedicated to the provision of City services to all the residents of the City and encouraged appropriate and efficient administration of such services throughout his career; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-801, the City Council adopted a policy for the naming and renaming of City streets, facilities, and parkland in the City of Des Moines, which policy provides, in part, that the Mayor, Council Member, or Council as a whole may sponsor a request for naming or renaming on the Council agenda and that Council action to approve a name change may be waived if deemed appropriate by Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Mayor and City Councilmembers wish to name the City Administration building at 1200 Locust Street the T.M. FRANKLIN COWNIE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING after Mayor Cownie in recognition of his years of service to Des Moines and its residents and further recommend that the Council waive the renaming policy process requirements and expedite approval of said naming.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. That portion of the City Policy for Naming of Streets, Facilities and Park Land in the City of Des Moines regarding review and public hearing for the City naming process is hereby waived, and said process is expedited.
2. That the City building located at 1200 Locust Street be and is hereby named and shall be known as the T.M. FRANKLIN COWNIE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.



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Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Coleman.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Jeffrey D. Lester  
Jeffrey D. Lester, City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
VOSS	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	6			

Connie Boesen 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