RESOLUTION NO. 22-316

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CIVITAS, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES TO DEVELOP A HOUSING PLAN AND AN UPDATE TO THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, ACTION PLAN, AND AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING FOR THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.

WHEREAS, the City is an entitlement community and therefore is qualified to receive financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the City qualifies for Federal entitlement funding made available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs; and

WHEREAS, for the City to remain eligible for this funding, the City is required to submit a HUD mandated Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan requires the City to identify its housing and community development needs, come up with strategies for meeting those needs and prioritizing those needs. The Consolidated Plan includes a Five-Year Strategy and Annual Action Plans for each program year in the five-year strategy; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the Fair Housing Act, requires HUD and recipients of federal funds from HUD to affirmatively further the policies and purposes of the Fair Housing Act, also known as "affirmatively further fair housing" or "AFFH."; and

WHEREAS, in order to select a consultant to develop a Housing Plan and an update to the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, staff completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) process; and

WHEREAS, the Request for Proposals Response will assist the City in developing a housing plan and an update to the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing for the City of Council Bluffs; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department recommends that the City authorize the Mayor to accept and execute a contract with Civitas, LLC for professional consultant services to develop a Housing Plan and an update to the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing for the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA:

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept and to execute a contract with Civitas, LLC in response to a Request for Proposals for consultant services developing a housing plan and an update to the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing for the City of Council Bluffs.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: November 28, 2022

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Matthew J. Walsh Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jodi Quakenbush City Clerk