CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Approval of Appointment
Water Works Board of Trustees

DATE: December 27, 2017

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:

Karen Novak Swalwell has served on the Water Works Board of Trustees since January 2005, and the Mayor and City Council thank her for her service to the community. Mayor Gaer would like to appoint Mary Thomsen to serve the six-year term, beginning on January 1, 2018 with an expiration of December 31, 2023.

Mary Thomsen	5621 Westridge Court	256-8814 (w)	210-3804 (c)

Ms. Thomsen is the President and CEO of Barker Lemar Companies. She has over 30 years' experience managing projects and nine years specifically in the environmental, ecological, petroleum, and solid waste fields.

Mary's background at Barker Lemar lies with directing the strategic, long-term goals of the firm, leading the business development team and holding accountable for the objectives of the firm.

Her extensive project experience includes: environmental site assessments, underground storage tank remediation and monitoring, compliance management services for retail petroleum facilities, air permitting, as well as remediation and monitoring.

In Mary's position as President and CEO of Barker Lemar Companies, she oversees a variety of water quality projects; Including: watershed assessments, surface and groundwater assessments, drinking water well evaluations, implementation and education on Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy to both point and non-point source audiences, creation and evaluation of POTW (publicly owned treatment works) agreements, and a variety of other projects that revolve around how nutrients and contaminants impact our water supply.

As the face of Barker Lemar Companies she has maintained a close relationship with staff at all levels to ensure that her knowledge of the firm's project is all-encompassing. We are confident she will bring those same characteristics to her work as a West Des Moines Water Works Board Trustee.

Karen Novak Swalwell has served our community tirelessly and with her guidance, West Des Moines Water Works is in a very healthy position, delivering and producing a quality product for our residents and businesses.

We are certain Ms. Mary Thomsen will continue upholding the work of her predecessors, and look forward to the work ahead with our new Trustee.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of appointment of Mary Thomsen to the Water Works Board of Trustees.

Lead Staff Member: Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk RTJ

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	RTJ

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of West Des Moines appreciates your interest in serving the community and welcomes your application. Please complete all sections of this application. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (515) 222-3600 or TDD (Hearing Impaired) (515) 222-3334. The City of West Des Moines is committed to providing equal opportunity for citizen involvement.

Please indicate those Boards and/or Commissions on which you would be willing to serve by checking below:

- [ ] Board of Adjustment
- [ ] Civil Service Commission
- [ ] Library Board of Trustees
- [ ] Plan & Zoning Commission
- [ ] Sister Cities Commission
- [ ] Bicycle Advisory Commission
- [x] Water Works Board of Trustees
- [ ] Human Services Advisory Board
- [ ] Human Rights Commission
- [ ] Public Arts Advisory Commission
- [ ] Valley Junction Events Committee
- [ ] Other _____

Name: Thomsen (Last) Mary (First) Beth (Middle)

Address: 5621 Westridge Court (Street) West Des Moines (City) IA (State) 50266 (Zip)

Occupation: President/CEO

Employer's Name & Address

Barker Lemar Companies

1801 Industrial Circle, West Des Moines, IA 50265

Work Phone: 515-256-8814 When can you be reached at this number?: M-F business hours

Cell ~~Home~~ Phone: 515-210-3804 When can you be reached at this number?: Anytime

E-mail address: mthomsen@barkerlemar.com

Length of residence in West Des Moines: 18 yrs

Please list any previous Board membership positions (City, Church, School, Professional, etc.) and dates of service:

American Trust Professional Advisory Board - 2015 to present; West Des Moines Leadership Advisory Board - 2017 - present

Please indicate below the reasons why you would like to be appointed to a Board or Commission and any specific skills or experience that you believe support your application.

I would like to serve my community by offering educated opinions on relevant topics; my company works often with water providers when dealing with sites that have petroleum contamination - this includes water line replacement sampling of private and city water wells, etc. Additionally, our firm also engages actively with improvement of water quality through workshops associated with the nutrient reduction strategy.

Please list two references other than a family member:

Name: Ted Rumph Relationship: Co-Worker Phone: 515-256-8814

Name: Tonia Petterson Relationship: Client Phone: 515-257-7892

Do you sell to, or are you in any manner a part to, any contract to furnish supplies, material, or labor to the City of West Des Moines? Yes If so, please list: Our firm is working on a streambank assessment for Jordan Creek

Have you ever been employed by the City? No If so, please list dates of employment and positions held.

Do you have relatives working for the City? No If so, please give name and relationship.

Are you being sponsored by a community organization(s)? No If so, please list the following and attach a confirmation letter from said organization:

Organization: Contact:

Phone Number: Email:

Iowa Code Section 69.16A requires City boards/commissions to be gender balanced. Please indicate whether you are male or female.

☐ Male ☑ Female

Applicant Signature: Mary B Thomsen Date: 12/4/2017

Please mail completed application to the office of the City Clerk at the following address:

City of West Des Moines
P.O. Box 65320
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265-0320
ATTN: Ryan Jacobson

BARKER LEMAR COMPANIES

MARY THOMSEN

President/CEO

CREDENTIALS

Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Business: Administration, College Station, Texas, 1985

WORK HISTORY

Ms. Thomsen is the President and CEO of Barker Lemar Companies. She has over 30 years experience managing projects and nine years in the environmental, ecological, petroleum, and solid waste fields. Ms. Thomsen has overall responsibility for the organization's operations and profitability, sets the strategic, long-term direction of the firm, leads the business development team and holds them accountable for achievement of their goals and other objectives of the firm. She is also responsible for the assignment of the firm's resources and for driving and/or supporting change in the firm's systems and practices to insure that corporate strategies, resources and operations remain aligned and on purpose.

Ms. Thomsen has worked in a variety of industries through her career. The technical and management expertise that she brings to each project includes extensive project supervision, subcontractor management, and reporting skills. Ms. Thomsen has experience as a software application designer and in that capacity has managed through changes in scope, becoming adept in the field of client satisfaction. Upon completion of various customized software applications, training and implementation skills were necessary for project completion. Ms. Thomsen has had the opportunity to hone excellent presentation, design, and delivery skills in her professional career. As the face of the firm, Ms. Thomsen maintains a close relationship with staff at all levels to ensure that her knowledge of the firm's projects is all-encompassing, should she be called upon to speak about relevant topics.

EXPERIENCE

ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS

Project role: Project Manager. Duties include initial site assessment, receptor surveys, determination of drilling and sampling locations, analysis of results and reporting to concerned parties which include the client and private insurance companies. Multiple project locations in Iowa.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMEDIATION AND MONITORING

Project role: Project Manager. Duties include reviewing site maps, analyzing changes in receptors, evaluating remedial options by analysis of soil and groundwater sampling, managing subcontractors, mobilizing field staff, and final report preparation and submittal. Multiple locations in Iowa.

COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR RETAIL PETROLEUM FACILITIES

Project role: Project Manager. Duties include daily monitoring and response to alarms and warnings reported by the Baker Lemar Compliance Management tank and monitoring system overseeing facilities performance across the multi-state network; scheduling/reporting on bi-annual site inspections; reporting for insurance renewals; coordinating/ executing monthly and annual tank tests as required by federal and state regulations. Multiple locations in the Midwest.

AIR PERMITTING

Project role: Project Manager. Duties include drafting of construction permits for various tanks and gasoline loading racks; assisting in Maximum Achievable Control Technology standards and compliance issues; Title V reporting; reviewing NESHAP regulations to assist clients. Multiple locations in Iowa.

BARKER LEMAR COMPANIES

MARY THOMSEN

President/CEO

REMEDIATION AND MONITORING

Project role: Project Manager. Reviewing site maps, analyzing changes in receptors, updating site cleanup software, managing subcontractors, mobilizing field staff, analyzing lab results, and reporting to concerned parties. Multiple locations in Iowa.

CONTACT

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