LRB - RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS

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ITEM 7, FILE 070285 Emma J. Stamps

File No. 070285 is a resolution accepting an offer to purchase submitted by Housing Resources, Inc., for the improved, tax-deed property at 2500 West Capitol Drive, in the 1st Aldermanic District

Background

- 1. Section 304-49-7 allows the City to accept unsolicited Offers to Purchase when the City receives fair compensation, whether monetary or non-monetary.
- 2. Not-for-profit organizations may opt to purchase city-owned property either by entering into a Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with the City of Milwaukee or purchase a city-owned property with a deed restriction that the organization apply to the City for exemption from real estate taxation.

Discussion

- 3. 2500 West Capitol Drive is a one-story commercial parcel measuring 2,936 sq. ft. The City of Milwaukee once operated a tool loan center in this building. The City of Milwaukee has leased the property to several not-for-profits to operate tool loan centers including the Atkinson, Capital and Teutonia Business Association in 1993 (CCRN 930976) and Neighborhood Housing Services in 1995 (CCFN 941183).
- 4. DCD recommends accepting a \$5,000 offer from the Housing Resources, Inc.'s (HRI), a not-for-profit organization, to purchase 2500 West Capitol Drive to rehabilitate the building for uses as the "Tool Loan Program" and homebuyer counseling services.
- 5. The \$81,000 rehabilitation scope includes:

Interior: Upgraded office use

Exterior: Replacing flat roof

Training facility

New windows

Tool loan center

- 6. HRI has opted for a PILOT Agreement over a real estate tax exemption.
- 7. Adopting File 070285 authorizes the sale of 2500 West Capitol Drive to Housing Resources, Inc. for the aforementioned rehabilitation. The Housing Resources, Inc. must enter into a PILOT Agreement with the City of Milwaukee.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact totals \$5,000 less closing expenses, a brokerage commission (not quantified in the Land Disposition Report) and a 25% RACM administrative fee. Sale proceeds will be deposited to the Reserve for Tax Deficit Fund.

Annual PILOT estimates are not disclosed.