



**Department of City Development**  
City Plan Commission  
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee  
Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation

**Lafayette L. Crump**  
Commissioner

**Vanessa L. Koster**  
Deputy Commissioner

**CITY PLAN COMMISSION --**

Resolution approving updates to the lighting along the Riverwalk on the east side of the Milwaukee River, from the Clybourn Street Bridge south to a point approximately 200 feet north of the Water Street Bridge relative to the Historic Third Ward Riverwalk Site Plan Review Overlay Zone (SPROZ) established by Section 295-91.0021 of the former Milwaukee Code, in the 4th Aldermanic District.

- Analysis -

This resolution approves updates to the lighting along the Riverwalk from the Clybourn Street Bridge south to approximately the south end of 141 North Water Street, on the east side of Milwaukee River.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee has established design standards for the review of new developments as well as any site work for portions of properties located within a Site Plan Review Overlay Zone, generally located 50 feet landward of the Milwaukee River and established by Section 295-91.0012 of the former Milwaukee Code; and

Whereas, Business Improvement District (BID) #2 is proposing to update the lighting along the subject portion of Riverwalk that is maintained by the BID to improve the safety and security of the Riverwalk and provide uniform lighting consistent with the existing Third Ward street lighting; and

Whereas, The Riverwalk structure that is the subject of this proposal is located beyond the city's official property line and is built over the water, within the riparian ownership of the adjacent property, and because the lighting project is within the public waterway, it is not under the city's permitting and zoning authority; and

Whereas, This segment of Riverwalk was designed and constructed to meet the landward property owners' requirements under the SPROZ, and consistent with past files relating to the Riverwalk that is located within the public waterway, the BID has submitted this proposal to demonstrate compliance with the SPROZ and for acknowledgement and concurrence by the City Plan Commission; and

Whereas, The Riverwalk SPROZ states that lighting unique to the Riverwalk should enhance surfaces and objects along the way as well as light the pedestrian path and promote security for night use, and is a critical feature of the Riverwalk; and

Whereas, The lighting that is proposed has been carefully analyzed to ensure that light spillage will not occur on adjacent properties. The selected fixtures are Dark Sky compliant and will not narrow the width of the Riverwalk pedestrian travel path; and,

Whereas, The project includes the installation of 30 light poles along the subject stretch of Riverwalk, and will utilize 5 different mounting techniques to address the existing structure; and

Whereas, The potential lighting placement and mounting details for the stretch of Riverwalk on private property (105-125 N. Water Street) are shown in the exhibit though this section is not part of this file and may be brought to the City Plan Commission for approval in the future; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the City Plan Commission of Milwaukee that the updated lighting that is proposed for the stretch of Riverwalk on the east side of the Milwaukee River, from the Clybourn Street Bridge to a point approximately 200 feet north of the Water Street Bridge is consistent with the design standards, goals, and intent of the Historic Third Ward Riverwalk SPROZ and is hereby approved; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the owner, or their assignees, are responsible for maintaining site improvements in accordance with approved plans; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of City Development is authorized to review and approve minor modifications and signage of said plans deemed necessary that are consistent with the approved design guidelines and the Milwaukee Code.

**CPC 09/30/24**