

## LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS

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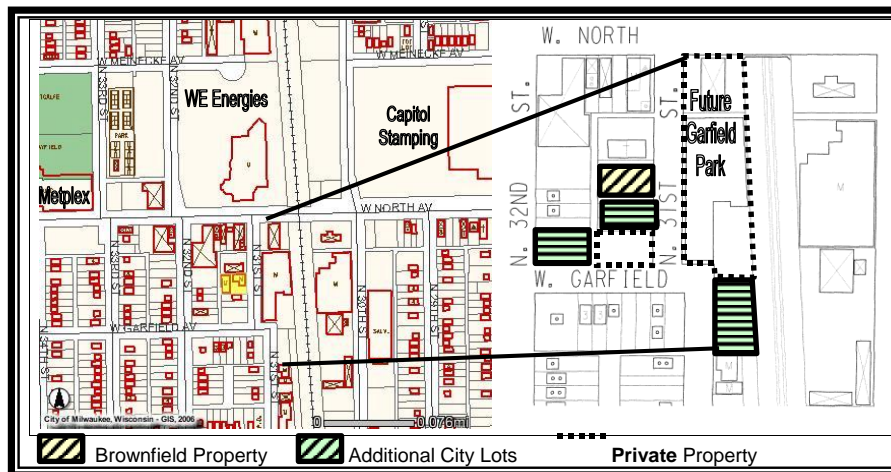
ITEM 7, FILE 061033  
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File No. 061033 is a resolution approving the surplus declaration and blight designation of the city-owned properties in the vicinity of North 31<sup>st</sup> Street and West Garfield Avenue for acquisition and remediation by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, in the 15<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District.

### **Background and Discussion**

1. RACM plans to apply directly to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) for Brownfield Cleanup grants as a possible funding source for remediation of 2227 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, which is located near N. 31<sup>st</sup> and W. Garfield Avenue. The \$200,000 grant application and budget are not part of this file or subject to Common Council review at this time.
2. The remediation strategy has not been finalized but almost \$43,000 in past EPA grants have been paid for Phase I and supplemental soil and groundwater testing through July 2006.
3. This file implies that a stipulation on the grant application provides that RACM acquire the 6 city owned vacant lots listed below through spot acquisition:

- 2154 N. 31<sup>st</sup> St.
- 2213-2215 N. 31<sup>st</sup> St.
- 2200 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> St.
- 2211 N. 31<sup>st</sup> St.
- 2227 N. 31<sup>st</sup> St.
- 2205 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> St.



4. The City Planning Commission approved the properties to be surplus to municipal needs and the Common Council is asked to declare those properties blighted by a two-third vote in order to proceed with the remediation to be funded in part or whole using the anticipated EPA grant proceeds.
5. File No. 061033 approves the surplus declaration and blight designation of the aforementioned city-owned vacant lots for acquisition and remediation of 2227 N 31<sup>st</sup> Street by RACM. The property conveyances require no monetary exchange.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This file has no fiscal impact since the city will convey the 6 properties to RACM at no cost.

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