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Resolution approving the blight designation and acquisition of the privately owned properties at 2211 West Wells Street, 326 East Center Street and 1638-40 North 31st Street and the adjacent City-owned lots by the Redevelopment Authority, in the 4th, 6th and 15th Aldermanic Districts.

Adoption of this resolution by at least two-thirds vote of the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee will approve the blight designation and acquisition of the properties by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee utilizing the procedures set forth in Section 66.1333, Wisconsin Statutes.

Whereas, Section 66.1333(5)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, enables the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee ("Authority"), with the approval of the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee ("Council"), to acquire blighted property without designating a boundary or adopting a redevelopment plan; and

Whereas, The Authority proposes to acquire the privately owned properties at 2211 West Wells Street, 326 East Center Street and 1638-40 North 31st Street and the adjacent City-owned vacant lots to assemble buildable parcels and facilitate redevelopment in the Avenues West, Harambee and 30th Street Industrial Corridor neighborhoods, respectively, as summarized in a Blight Designation Summary and a copy of which is attached to this Common Council File; and

Whereas, The Authority submitted an application to the City for the necessary financial assistance under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and from the Development Fund to carry out such acquisitions; and

Whereas, Proper notices were given to the owners of the properties and a public hearing was conducted on November 15, 2007, by the Authority pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, after which the Authority determined the properties to be blighted within the meaning of Section 66.1333(4)(bm), Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, and requested approval of these acquisitions by the Council; and

Whereas, The City Plan Commission, which is the duly designated and acting official planning body for the City authorized to prepare a comprehensive plan, has reviewed and determined that these acquisitions conform to the general plan for the City as a whole, and the Council has duly considered the recommendations of the planning body; and

Whereas, The Council is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of redevelopment activities under Wisconsin law and the Act, including those pertaining to relocation payments and assistance, and to the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, creed or national origin; and

Whereas, Where clearance and redevelopment is proposed, Wisconsin law requires Council approval of a Relocation Plan assuring that decent, safe and sanitary dwellings substantially equal in number to the number of substandard dwellings to be removed in carrying out these acquisitions are available or will be provided at rents or prices within the financial reach of the income groups displaced; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that it is found, determined and reaffirmed that:

1. The privately owned properties at 2211 West Wells Street, 326 East Center Street and 1638-40 North 31st Street and the adjacent City-owned properties, as identified in a Blight Designation Summary, are blighted within the meaning of Section 66.1333(4) (bm), Wisconsin Statutes, as amended.
2. The objectives of the Authority cannot be achieved solely through rehabilitation of these properties.
3. These acquisitions are feasible and conform to the general plan of the City.
4. Financial assistance to the Authority under the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and from the Development Fund are available to enable the properties to be acquired and redeveloped; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the acquisitions are approved and the Council:

1. Pledges its cooperation in helping to carry out these acquisitions.
2. Directs that no new construction shall be permitted or authorized at these properties by any agencies, boards or commissions of the City under local codes or ordinances unless as authorized by the Council under Section 66.1333(6) (e), Wisconsin Statutes.
3. Directs the various public officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City having administrative responsibilities in the premises likewise to cooperate to such end and to exercise their respective functions and powers in a manner consistent with the objectives for the acquisitions.
4. Stands ready to consider and take appropriate action upon proposals and measures designed to effectuate these acquisitions; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, the Commissioner of the Department of Neighborhood Services, the City Engineer, the Assessment Commissioner, the Director of the Community Development Grants Administration, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee and to such other agencies, boards and commissions of the City having administrative jurisdiction in the premises described above; and, be it

Further Resolved, That upon Council and State of Wisconsin approval of a Relocation Plan for these acquisitions by the Authority as required by Wisconsin Statutes and upon execution of the necessary funding agreements, the Authority is requested to proceed with the acquisitions as provided in Section 66.1333, Wisconsin Statutes; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Commissioner of the Department of City Development, or designee, is authorized to convey the City-owned vacant lots that are adjacent to the privately owned acquisitions to the Authority for no monetary consideration and to prepare the assembled sites for redevelopment.

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