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Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Milwaukee and the Forest County Potawatomi Indian Tribe regarding the design, construction and funding of West Pittsburgh Street extended from its current terminus to West Canal Street. (DPW) - ANALYSIS - This resolution approves a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Milwaukee and the Forest County Potawatomi Indian Tribe. The Tribe is expanding its casino in the Menomonee Valley. Usage of the casino is expected to increase dramatically once construction is complete. A new parking structure has been built by the Tribe to accommodate the expected increase in demand for parking. Currently, the only access to the structure is from West Pittsburgh Street, a dead end road. The MOU stipulates that the Tribe will acquire right-of-way, design an extension of Pittsburgh to West Canal Street, construct it and pay all costs. The City will accept the street when completed and assume responsibility for its maintenance. In addition, the City will process a vacation application for the existing public portions of Pittsburgh and South 16th Streets which abut the casino.

Whereas, The Forest County Potawatomi Indian Tribe is expanding its casino at South 16th and West Canal Streets in the Menomonee Valley; and

Whereas, The expansion will result in significant increases in traffic necessitating improvements to the street system in the immediate area; and

Whereas, The Tribe has offered to construct at its expense a new public street linking existing West Pittsburgh Street to West Canal Street; and

Whereas, The Tribe would dedicate the new street segment to the City upon its completion with the City assuming responsibility for its maintenance; and

Whereas, The City would commit to consider vacation of certain public street segments which directly abut the casino with the Tribe granting public access rights in return; and

Whereas, A Memorandum of Understanding outlining these commitments has been drafted and is attached to the file; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Forest County Potawatomi Indian Tribe and the City of Milwaukee is hereby approved; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to make minor, non-substantive changes in the MOU prior to its execution.

DPW
THM:cp
July 21, 2000