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### THE CHAIR

Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to install fiber and provide network connectivity at the expense of and for the use and benefit of the Milwaukee Art Museum.

This resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to install fiber and provide network connectivity at the expense of and for the use and benefit of the Milwaukee Art Museum. This will provide the Milwaukee Art Museum access to and entry into the WiscNet/BOREAS-Net Abilene/Internet2 education community node located at the Department of Public Works Network Operations Center (DPW-NOC).

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee wishes to promote higher educational resources, tourism, and economic development and supporting cultural exchange in the community; and

Whereas, From its roots as Milwaukee's first art gallery in 1888, the Museum has grown today to be an icon for Milwaukee and a resource for the entire state with over 30,000 works of art, 350,000 visitors a year, and 125 years of collecting art; and

Whereas, The Milwaukee Art Museum has requested the assistance of the City of Milwaukee in obtaining high-speed network connectivity to the internet through WiscNet at its expense; and

Whereas, The WiscNet is a not-for-profit association established to further education, research, economic development and public service in the state of Wisconsin by creating and operating a digital communications network interconnecting public and private organizations including the provision of internet services; and

Whereas, Resolution File Number 051269, adopted on February 7, 2006, authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the WiscNet Association to establish collocation facilities within the City of Milwaukee and that made it feasible for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to become a node on BOREAS-Net; and

Whereas, This collocation facility enables Milwaukee area educational and cultural institutions to gain access to WiscNet and the next generation internets including: BoreasNet, Abilene/Internet2 and other national and international networks, and further enables connectivity between higher education and cultural institutions within the City of Milwaukee including: Marquette University, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Milwaukee Public Television, Discovery World, Pier Wisconsin, VISIT Milwaukee and Milwaukee World Festival, Inc.; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee owns dark fiber and can provide network services in certain routes that would be beneficial to the extension and enhancement of the Milwaukee Art Museum to further

its mission; and

Whereas, It would be in the best interests of the City of Milwaukee to facilitate connectivity within the City for the Milwaukee Art Museum; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Commissioner of Public Works is directed to install dark fiber and to provide network connectivity at no cost to the City of Milwaukee in certain routes where capacity is available to enable the Milwaukee Art Museum to connect to the WiscNet/BOREAS-Net collocation facility at the Department of Public Works Network Operations Center (DPW-NOC).

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