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Substitute resolution approving the blight designation and partial acquisition of a public access easement along the river frontage of the property at 2027-35 North Cambridge Avenue and authorizing subsequent conveyance to the City of Milwaukee in the 3rd Aldermanic District. (Redevelopment Authority)

Adoption of this substitute resolution by at least two-thirds vote of the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee will approve the blight designation of a portion of a privately owned property for acquisition of a public access easement by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee and authorize the subsequent conveyance of the easement to the City of Milwaukee.

Whereas, The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee ("Authority") is working with the City of Milwaukee ("City"), Milwaukee County and the River Revitalization Foundation to construct a public path along the Milwaukee River in and adjacent to the Beerline "C" Redevelopment Project Area; and

Whereas, The property owner at 2027-35 North Cambridge Avenue has not voluntarily granted the City a public access easement for the portion of the path across its property; and

Whereas, Section 66.1333(5)(c)(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes enables the redevelopment authority of a first class city to acquire blighted property, in full or in part, without designating a boundary or adopting a redevelopment plan if proper notice is given to the property owner, a public hearing is conducted and the local legislative body approves the action; and

Whereas, The Authority proposes to use its blight designation and acquisition authority pursuant to Section 66.1333(5)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, to acquire a public access easement along the river frontage of the property at 2027-35 North Cambridge Avenue (Tax Key No. 355-0154-000-3); and

Whereas, Proper notice was given to the property owner and a public hearing was conducted on February 17, 2005, by the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Section 66.1333(5) (c), Wisconsin Statutes; and

Whereas, After the hearing, the Authority determined the subject property to be blighted within the meaning of Section 66.1333(4)(bm), Wisconsin Statutes, because its present condition, access and predominantly open nature substantially impair or arrest the sound growth and development of the community and the City, as outlined in the Blight Designation Summary and Land Disposition Report, a copy of which is attached to this Common Council File, and requested that the Common Council approve this blight designation and acquisition; and

Whereas, Funding for the acquisition will be provided by the River Revitalization Foundation through a contract with the Authority; and

Whereas, After acquisition of the easement, the Authority proposes to assign the easement to the City; and

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Whereas, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, said Report also addresses the property disposition for this property interest and the public hearing conducted on February 17, 2005, concurrently addressed the disposition of this property interest; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the blight designation and acquisition of a portion of the property at 2027-35 North Cambridge Avenue is approved; and, be it

Further Resolved, That it is found, determined and reaffirmed that:

1. That a portion of this property is blighted, in need of blight elimination, slum clearance and urban renewal and qualifies as an eligible project within the meaning of Section 66.1333(4)(bm), Wisconsin Statutes.

2. The objectives of the Authority cannot be achieved solely through rehabilitation.

3. This acquisition is feasible and conforms to the general plan of the City.

4. Financial assistance to the Authority will be provided by the River Revitalization Foundation; and, be it

Further Resolved, That to implement and facilitate the prosecution of this acquisition, certain official action to support the new land use after redevelopment may be taken with general references, among other things, to changes in zoning; the vacation and removal of streets, alleys and other public ways; the location and relocation of sewer and water mains and other public facilities; and other public actions deemed necessary to effectuate the purpose of this acquisition including the prohibition of any new construction in the proposed easement area, and accordingly, the Council:

1. Pledges its cooperation to carry out this acquisition.

2. Directs that no new construction shall be permitted or authorized in the proposed easement area 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 objective for this acquisition; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the City Attorney, the Commissioner of the Department of Neighborhood Services, the City Engineer, the Assessment Commissioner, the Redevelopment Authority 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 acquisition of the easement, the conveyance to the City is approved. DCD-Redevelopment Authority EMM:bmm 03/03/05