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Resolution approving the blight designation of the privately owned property at 540 West North Avenue in the vicinity of West North Avenue between North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and North 7th Street and authorizing its acquisition by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee in the 6th Aldermanic District. (Redevelopment Authority)

Adoption of this resolution by at least two-thirds vote of the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee will approve the blight designation of the property at 540 West North Avenue, authorize its acquisition by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee utilizing the Spot Acquisition procedures set forth in Section 66.431, Wisconsin Statutes, and identify a funding source for the project.

Whereas, The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee ("Authority") is beginning steps to create an African American Cultural and Entertainment District ("District") in the vicinity of West North Avenue between North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and North 7th Street; and

Whereas, The owner's representative of the property at 540 West North Avenue has offered to sell the property to the Authority to facilitate development of the District; but before the Authority can accept title to the property, it must be declared blighted pursuant to Section 66.431, Wisconsin Statutes; and

Whereas, In Common Council File No. 49-2311-8d, adopted on September 16, 1968, the Authority was designated the Agent of the City of Milwaukee ("City") for the purpose of administering, undertaking, and carrying out all blight elimination, slum clearance, and urban renewal programs and projects both present and future; and

Whereas, Applicable Wisconsin law, particularly Section 66.431(5)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, enables the Authority of a first class city, with the approval of the local legislative body of that city, to acquire blighted property without designating a boundary or adopting a redevelopment plan; and

Whereas, In Common Council File No. 991315 adopted February 8, 2000, the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee ("Council") deemed it desirable and in the public interest that the Authority undertake and carry out an urban renewal program under the Act and so authorized and directed the Authority to prepare a Spot Acquisition Project ("Project"); and

Whereas, The subject property will be acquired with funds from the Authority's general fund; and

Whereas, Proper notice was given to the owner of the property identified above and on a map, a copy of which is attached to this Common Council File, and a public hearing was conducted on November 9, 2000, by the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Section 66.431(5)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, as amended; and

Whereas, The Authority determined the subject property to be blighted within the meaning of Section 66.431(4)(bm), Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, and requested Council approval

of the subject Project; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that the Spot Acquisition Project known as 540 West North Avenue (Tax Key No. 323-0690-000) is approved; and, be it

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

1. This Project is a blighted property in need of blight elimination, slum clearance, and urban renewal, and qualifies as an eligible project within the meaning of Section 66.431 (4) (bm), Wisconsin Statutes, as amended.

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

3. This Spot Acquisition Project is feasible and conforms to the general plan of the City.

4. The subject property will be acquired with funds from the Authority's general fund; and, be it

Further Resolved, That to implement and facilitate the prosecution of this Project, 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 Project including the prohibition of any new construction in the Project area, and accordingly, the Council:

1. Pledges its cooperation in helping to carry out this Project.

2. Directs that no new construction shall be permitted or authorized in this Project area by any agencies, boards, or commissions of the City under local codes or ordinances unless as authorized by the Council under Section 66.431(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 this Project's objectives.

4. Stands ready to consider and take appropriate action upon proposals and measures designed to effectuate this Project; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk is authorized and 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 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.

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