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Resolution authorizing the sale of City of Milwaukee and Redevelopment Authority vacant lots to Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to create building sites for its 2011 housing program, in the 6th, 7th and 15th Aldermanic Districts.

This resolution authorizes the sale of multiple Neighborhood Properties from the City of Milwaukee pursuant to Section 304-49-7, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, and also permits the Redevelopment Authority to convey land according to the conditions in a Land Disposition Report.

Whereas, Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity, Inc. ("Habitat"), a community-based organization, has been providing affordable housing to first-time homebuyers that qualify as low to moderate-income households in Milwaukee since 1984; and

Whereas, Habitat desires to build 42 single-family homes for its 2011 housing program and has proposed to purchase 38 vacant lots owned by the City of Milwaukee or the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee ("Authority") in the Washington Park, North Division and Park West Neighborhoods as summarized in a Land Disposition Report, a copy of which is attached to this Common Council File; and

Whereas, Section 304-49-7 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances allows the City to accept unsolicited offers to purchase City-owned property when the City receives fair compensation, whether monetary or non-monetary; and

Whereas, The sale of these lots will allow Habitat to continue to provide affordable homeownership opportunities to low and moderate-income families and will provide the City with fair compensation through additional tax base and housing opportunities; and

Whereas, On February 14, 2011, the Authority held a Public Hearing on the proposed conveyance of its lots at 2642 and 2654 North 21st Street and 2509 North 22nd Street, conditioned upon Common Council approval as required by Wisconsin Statutes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the sale of City-owned and Authority-owned vacant lots to Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity, Inc., as outlined in the Land Disposition Report, is approved; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Commissioner of the Department of City Development ("DCD"), or designee, and the Executive Director of the Authority, or designee, are authorized to close the transactions according to the terms of the Land Disposition Report and DCD approval of final construction plans; and, be it

Further Resolved, That if any lots are encumbered by City deed restrictions that prohibited construction, required use as green space or were prohibited from division and/or combination, the Commissioner of DCD, or designee, is authorized to execute Release of Deed Restrictions to provide clear title; and, be it

Further Resolved, That in the event any of the lots identified in the Land Disposition Report are not suitable for development or if the City acquires additional lots in

Habitat's target areas that are more suitable for construction, lots may be added or substituted without further action of the Common Council upon approval of the Commissioner of DCD and the local Common Council member; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the sale proceeds, less sale expenses, shall be credited to the Reserve For Tax Deficit Fund.

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