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THE CHAIR

Resolution relating to acceptance, funding and expenditure of a Tourism Capital Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration by Port Milwaukee.

This resolution authorizes Port Milwaukee to apply for, accept, fund and expend a Wisconsin Department of Administration Tourism Capital Grant in the amount of \$3,500,000 to partially pay for improvements to South Shore Cruise Dock.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee appears to be eligible for 2021 Tourism Capital Grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Administration (WisDOA); and

Whereas, It is the mission of Port Milwaukee to strengthen the overall economic and social environment of the City of Milwaukee and the Great Lakes region by increasing international trade, business development, and job creation; and

Whereas, The Port is a premiere provider of domestic and international transportation and freight distribution services for its commercial customers worldwide; and

Whereas, The Port is also a destination for passenger ships, including the Lake Express high-speed ferry, and maintains and operates two cruise docks (Pier Wisconsin and South Shore) in Milwaukee; and

Whereas, The Port anticipates that over 10,000 cruise passengers will visit Milwaukee annually, beginning in 2022, namely through turnaround service offered by Pearl Seas Cruises and Viking Cruises, both of which have named Port Milwaukee as a “home port” for their Great Lakes excursions; and

Whereas, The Common Council previously supported funding cruise-related infrastructure at Port Milwaukee in adopting Common Council File Number 210153 on June 15, 2021; and

Whereas, In order to accommodate the expanded safe, secure and efficient use of the Port’s South Shore Cruise Dock, additional maritime infrastructure is necessary; and

Whereas, The proposed project at South Shore Cruise Dock will cost in excess of \$7,000,000; and

Whereas; The 2021 Tourism Capital Grant will provide \$3,500,000 from WisDOA for this project via Grant Agreement # ARPA-TC-036, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this file; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that Port Milwaukee is authorized to apply for and accept WisDOA 2021 Tourism Capital Grant funding in accordance with the terms of the attached Grant Agreement # ARPA-TC-036 by and between Port Milwaukee and WisDOA without further Common Council approval unless the terms of the grant change in a manner described in s. 304-81 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Comptroller is authorized to create within the Capital Grant and Aid Projects Fund the appropriate Project/Grant number for this project and to transfer the amounts to this project as follows:

State I.D. ARPA-TC-036
Port Milwaukee
2021 Tourism Capital Grant - CRUISE
Grantor Reimbursable Funds
\$3,500,000
PT320220200
Fund 0481

Total project costs previously authorized \$1,699,881
Current estimated cost of total project including this resolution (total funds identified)
\$5,199,881
Overall estimated final cost of total project \$7,250,000

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That Port Milwaukee is authorized to expend these funds for the specified purpose as indicated in the Grant Agreement; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Municipal Port Director, as representative of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, is authorized to sign agreements, forms, claims, and other required documents binding upon the Board in connection with the application for, and acceptance of, WisDOA 2021 Tourism Capital Grant # ARPA-TC-036; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the proper City officials are directed to execute the attached Grant Agreement by and between WisDOA and Port Milwaukee on behalf of the City.

Port Milwaukee
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