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Resolution approving a Project Plan, a Development Agreement and authorizing expenditures and creating Tax Incremental District No. 115 (NM North), in the 4th Aldermanic District.

Tax Incremental District No. 115 (the “District”) consists of two properties located at 818 East Mason Street and 777 North Cass Street. The District is proposed to assist Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company (the “Company”) in redeveloping the building at 818 East Mason Street and as an incentive for retaining and adding employment in the City of Milwaukee (“City”). The Company will advance all costs for the project. Once the project is completed, the City will make annual cash grants to the Company equal to 75 percent of the incremental taxes generated from the District until such time as up to \$30,000,000 (less \$10,000 in annual expenses) is repaid at an interest rate of 4.5 percent, over a period not to exceed 23 years. In addition, the District will also provide up to \$10,000,000 for public infrastructure improvements within a one-half mile radius of the District boundary and \$250,000 in administrative expenses.

Whereas, Chapter 105 of the Laws of 1975 of the State of Wisconsin, with amendments from other chapters of said Laws, created Section 66.1105, Wisconsin Statutes, titled “Tax Increment Law;” and

Whereas, Section 66.1105(4) of the Tax Increment Law sets forth certain criteria that the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee (“Common Council”) and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (“Authority”) must follow to create a Tax Incremental District (“TID” or “District”)) and approve a project plan for a TID; and

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 66.1105(4)(a) through (gm), Wisconsin Statutes, on February 16, 2023 the Authority conducted a public hearing on the proposed Project Plan for the District (“Plan”), designated the boundaries of the District and recommended that the District be created and submitted such recommendation to the Common Council for approval with the Plan, a copy of which is attached to this Common Council File; and

Whereas, Under the provisions of Section 66.1105(4)(gm)4.a., Wisconsin Statutes, not less than 50 percent, by area, of the real property within a proposed TID must qualify as either a “blighted area” within the meaning of Section 66.1105(2)(ae), Wisconsin Statutes; an area “in need of rehabilitation or conservation work” as defined in Section 66.1337(2m)(a), Wisconsin Statutes; must be suitable for “industrial sites” within the meaning of Section 66.1101, Wisconsin Statutes, and be zoned for industrial use; or must be “suitable for mixed-use development” as defined in Section 66.1105(2)(cm), Wisconsin Statutes; and

Whereas, More than 50 percent, by area, of the real property in the District was found by the Authority to be “in need of rehabilitation and conservation work,” as defined above; and

Whereas, The percentage of territory within the District that will be devoted to retail business at the end of the maximum expenditure period is estimated by the City to be 1.79 percent and, therefore, is below the 35 percent threshold described in Wisconsin Statute 66.1105 (5)(b); and

Whereas, The Plan contains statements and other factual information indicating that the improvement of such area is likely to significantly enhance the value of real property in the District; and that project costs directly serve to promote development of the District consistent with the purpose(s) for which the District is created under Section 66.1105(4)(gm)4.a., Wisconsin Statutes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that it finds and determines as follows:

1. The District is “in need of rehabilitation and conservation work” within the meaning of Section 66.1105(4)(gm)4.a., Wisconsin Statutes.
2. The improvement and/or development of such area, as hereinafter provided, is likely to enhance significantly the value of substantially all of the other real property in and adjoining the District.
3. Project costs relate directly to promoting development consistent with the City’s Master Plan and with the purpose(s) for which the District is created under Section 66.1105(4)(gm)4.a., Wisconsin Statutes.
4. The percentage of the aggregate value of the equalized taxable property of the District, plus the incremental value of all other existing TIDs, does not exceed the statutory maximum 12 percent of the aggregate value of total equalized value of taxable property within the City; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the District is created as of January 1, 2023, and that the boundaries of the District are approved as described and more precisely set forth in the Plan; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Plan is approved as the “Project Plan” for the District and that the Plan is feasible, in conformity with the Master Plan for the City and will promote the orderly development of the City; and, be it

Further Resolved, That:

1. The City Clerk is directed to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for a “Determination of Tax Increments and Tax Incremental Base” for the District, pursuant to the provisions of Section 66.1105(5), Wisconsin Statutes.
2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 66.1105(5)(f), Wisconsin Statutes:
 - a. The Assessment Commissioner is directed to identify upon the assessment roll, returned and examined under Section 70.45, Wisconsin Statutes, that parcel of property, which is within the District, specifying thereon the name of the District.
 - b. The City Clerk is directed to make notations on the tax roll for the District similar to those required to be made under Section 70.65, Wisconsin Statutes.
3. The District shall be designated as Tax Incremental District No. 115 (NM North).
4. Relative to the funding for the public infrastructure and administration in an amount of \$10,250,000, the City Comptroller is directed to transfer the sum of \$10,250,000, plus capitalized interest for two years, from the Parent TID Account to the Project Account No. TD11580000 for the purpose of providing the necessary funding for this component of the Plan.

5. Relative to the \$30,000,000 Company-funded contribution provided for in the Plan, a variance is authorized from the procedures of Common Council File No. 68-461-x, being the Guidelines for the Control of Capital Expenditures, and directs the City Comptroller to:

Establish the appropriate accounts within the TID Project Account, No. 0336-1910-TD11580000, to appropriate tax incremental collections equal to the total required to repay the City's Monetary Obligation to the Company, as provided in the Term Sheet for the District, in such amounts as set forth in the Plan, as shall be necessary to implement the Plan.

6. The City Comptroller is directed to establish all accounts and to make all appropriation transfers, upon request by the Department of City Development, for all revenue or expenditure activity under this resolution; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the proper City officials are directed to enter into a Development Agreement for the purposes of implementing the Plan on terms substantially in accordance with the NM North Term Sheet for TID No. 115, which is Exhibit 6 of the Plan; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the proper City officials are directed to execute any additional documents and instruments necessary to carry out the provisions of the Development Agreement and to implement the Plan, including, without limitation, a Grant Agreement with Milwaukee County for public infrastructure improvements, as applicable.

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