

RESOLUTION NO. 17-0966

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROJECT PLAN AND BOUNDARIES OF TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT NO. 7, CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse (the "City ") has determined that use of Tax Incremental Financing is required to promote development and redevelopment within the City ; and

WHEREAS, Tax Incremental District No. 7 (the "District") was created by the City on August 14, 1997 as a blighted area district; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend the Project Plan and boundaries of the District in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105 (the "Tax Increment Law"); and

WHEREAS, such amendment will cause territory to be added to the District, providing incentive and opportunities for additional private development and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, such amendment will also cause territory to be subtracted from the District, adding to the tax base of the City and all overlapping taxing jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, such amendment will also modify the categories, locations or costs of the Projects to be undertaken, providing incentives and opportunities for additional private development and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, such amendment will also allow for the District to incur project costs outside of, but within ½ mile of, the boundaries of the District as permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(2)(f)1.n.; and

WHEREAS, an amended Project Plan for the District (the "Amendment") has been prepared that includes:

- a. A statement listing of the kind, number and location of all proposed public works or improvements within the District, or to the extent provided in Wisconsin Statutes Sections 66.1105(2)(f)1.k. and 66.1105(2)(f)1.n., outside of the District;
- b. An economic feasibility study;
- c. A detailed list of estimated project costs;
- d. A description of the methods of financing all estimated project costs and the time when the related costs or monetary obligations are to be incurred;
- e. A map showing existing uses and conditions of real property in the District;
- f. A map showing proposed improvements and uses in the District;
- g. Proposed changes of zoning ordinances, master plan, map, building codes and City ordinances;
- h. A list of estimated non-project costs;
- i. A statement of the proposed plan for relocation of any persons to be displaced;
- j. A statement indicating how the amendment of the District promotes the orderly development of the City ;
- k. An opinion of the City Attorney or of an attorney retained by the City advising that the plan is complete and complies with Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(4)(f).

WHEREAS, prior to its publication, a copy of the notice of public hearing was sent to owners of all property in the proposed district, to the chief executive officers of La Crosse County, the School District of La Crosse School District, and the Western Technical College District, and any other entities

having the power to levy taxes on property located within the District, in accordance with the procedures specified in the Tax Increment Law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures specified in the Tax Increment Law, the Plan Commission, on July 31, 2017 held a public hearing concerning the proposed amendment to the Project Plan and boundaries of the District, providing interested parties a reasonable opportunity to express their views thereon; and

WHEREAS, after said public hearing, the Plan Commission designated the boundaries of the amended district, adopted the Project Plan, and recommended to the Common Council that it amend the Project Plan and boundaries for the District.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures specified in the Tax Increment Law, before the Common Council may amend any tax incremental district, the Plan Commission must designate the boundaries of such amended District and approve the Project Plan amendment for such District and submit its recommendation concerning the amendment of the District and the Project Plan to the Common Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that:

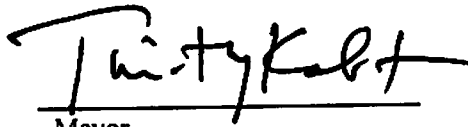
1. The boundaries of the District that shall be named "Tax Incremental District No. 7, City of La Crosse", are hereby amended as specified in Exhibit A of this Resolution.
2. The territory being added shall become part of the District effective as of January 1, 2017.
3. The territory being subtracted from the District shall no longer be part of the District effective as of January 1, 2017.
4. The Common Council finds and declares that:
 - (a) Not less than 50% by area of the real property within the District, as amended, is a blighted area within the meaning of Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(2)(a)1.
 - (b) Based upon the findings, as stated in 3.a. above, and the original findings as stated in the resolution creating the District, the District remains a blighted area district based on the identification and classification of the property included within the District; and
 - (c) The improvement of such area is likely to enhance significantly the value of substantially all of the other real property in the District.
 - (d) The equalized value of the taxable property within the territory to be added to the District by amendment, plus the value increment of all other existing tax incremental districts within the City, does not exceed 12% of the total equalized value of taxable property within the City.
 - (e) The City estimates that less than 35% of the territory within the District, as amended, will be devoted to retail business at the end of the District's maximum expenditure period, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(5)(b).
 - (f) The project costs of the District relate directly to promoting the elimination of blight of the area consistent with the purpose for which the District was created.

4. The amended Project Plan for "Tax Incremental District No. 7, City of La Crosse" (Exhibit B) is approved, and the City further finds the Plan is feasible and in conformity with the master plan of the City .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, in such form as may be prescribed, for a "Determination of Tax Incremental Base", as of January 1, 2017, pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(5)(b) and to pay the fee(s) associated with such determination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 66.1105(5)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that the City Assessor is hereby authorized and directed to identify upon the assessment roll returned and examined under Wisconsin Statutes Section 70.45, those parcels of property which are within the District, specifying thereon the name of the said District, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make similar notations on the tax roll made under Wisconsin Statutes Section 70.65e, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes.

Adopted this 14th day of Sept., 2017.



Mayor



City Clerk