Resolution approving the acquisition of property interests for Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP - 5220-04-04 and 1641-03-04).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has accepted HSIP federal funds and entered into State Municipal Agreements with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for safety improvement projects at intersections on West Avenue at Jackson, King, Badger, and La Crosse Streets and at Mormon Coulee Road & Broadview Place; and

WHEREAS, construction of pedestrian ramps for federal ADA compliance and installation of upgraded traffic signal equipment is required within said projects, and that such construction may require temporary limited easements for pedestrian ramps and small areas of fee title acquisition at vision corners for monotube traffic signal equipment and bases, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the public interest may require Eminent Domain proceedings of select properties to facilitate construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to facilitate acquisition of property interests for said projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will require, by eminent domain, if necessary, fee title or other requisite interest in such property required for said project from all persons or entities that may have an interest in said real estate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works is authorized to file relocation orders, prepare and file relocation plans if required, conduct necessary negotiations, make jurisdictional offers, have appraisals, order title work, and take any and all steps necessary to acquire such real estate as necessary for said projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if such jurisdictional offers are not accepted, the City Attorney's Office is authorized for and on behalf of the City to prepare and file the necessary awards for compensation, all more particularly provided in Chapter 32 of the Wisconsin State Statues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Attorney is authorized to prepare and have filed the appropriate Lis Pendens with the La Crosse County Register of Deeds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds shall be allocated from the previously approved Resolution 19-0779 for any acquisition costs, including professional services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works and City staff are hereby authorized to take any and all steps to effectuate this Resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on December 12, 2019.

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

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