Resolution authorizing the use of Xcel Energy Credits and Tax Increment District 13 Floodplain Relief Program as a funding source for Capital Improvement Plan project #20-257/#21-257 Climate Action Plan.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Common Council approved La Crosse's *Strategic Plan for Sustainability* in 2009; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, the City has participated in the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) in order to attract funding and compare and collaborate with likeminded government leaders; and

WHEREAS, a climate action plan is a requirement for membership in GCoM and can serve as an upgraded format for La Crosse's *Strategic Plan for Sustainability*; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department intends to conduct a request for proposals for a consultant to lead the planning process, for which they estimate a cost of \$187,500; and

WHEREAS, there are funds remaining in the TID 13 Floodplain Relief Program funds which are required to be under a fully executed contract by May 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, about 20% of the city is within ½ mile of TID 13; and

WHEREAS, Capital Improvement funds from TID 13 are allocated to floodplain assistance and the floodplain will be impacted by climate change; and

WHEREAS, a project "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan" was approved in the 2020 and 2021 Capital Improvement budgets (#20-257 and 21-257); as follows:

20-257 \$50,000 (General Obligation Borrowing) and \$50,000 (Grants-Local) 21-257 \$50,000 (General Obligation Borrowing) and \$50,000 (Grants-Local)

WHEREAS, General Obligation Borrowing is not allowed for a Climate Action Plan per bond counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it authorizes the use Xcel Energy Credits and TID 13 Floodplain Relief Program funds to fund the task of the climate action planning process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding sources for the Climate Action Plan be changed to up to \$150,000 from Account 2900253-454000 – Xcel Credits to the Climate Action Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a funding sources of an additional \$37,500 be allocated from the Floodplain Program (4135110-541100) to fund the Climate Action Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance & Planning Directors are hereby authorized to effectuate this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on May 13, 2021.

Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin