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Resolution 2017-385

Resolution Assessing Certain Properties to Defray the Cost of West River Parkway Paving Improvements Adjacent to Private Property

Whereas**,** The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is the steward of Minneapolis parks and parkways of the City of Minneapolis;

Whereas, The City of Minneapolis Public Works Department performs parkway paving improvement projects on behalf of the MPRB;

Whereas, The MPRB has, by proceeding under the Charter of the City of Minneapolis, Chapter 20 an Ordinance of MPRB, and state law, caused the completion of improvements to West River Parkway an existing parkway within the City of Minneapolis;

Whereas, The Commissioners' report of costs of West River Parkway paving improvements adjacent to private according to plans and estimates prepared by the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department and upon the property specially benefited by such improvement, together with the amount necessary to pay the cost of the proceedings, has been completed;

Whereas, The summary of proceedings and main facts are reported as follows -

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AND MAIN FACTS

PARKWAY PAVING IMPROVEMENTS 2014-2016

Engineer Estimate of Cost of Improvements	***$582,748***
Total Amount to be Assessed	$172,365
Number of Parcels of Land Assessed	46

The assessment district consists of properties within the area of influence to the improvement.

Whereas, Said Board has caused to be prepared a parkway paving improvements assessment rolls to be levied against the various properties and which is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board;

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Whereas, Said assessments shall be payable in five (5) equal annual installments, with interest thereon at 3.0 percent per annum;

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board shall reimburse the City of Minneapolis for the Parkway Paving Assessment in the amount of $172,365 through the use of fund balance of the Park Acquisition and Improvement Fund with said amount reimbursed to the Park Board as the special assessments are collected over the five (5) equal annual installments;

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners has conducted a public hearing on the 29th day of November 2017 and has filed its report and recommendation relative to the levying of such assessments; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions "Dynamic parks shape city character and meet diverse community needs;"

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Commissioners' Report of costs and file said report with the Secretary of the Board;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners assess certain properties to defray the cost of West River Parkway paving improvements adjacent to private property;

RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners:

> That the assessment rolls, on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board, are adopted and hereby assessed and levied against and upon each lot and parcel of land described therein, the respective amounts of money set against each lot or parcel of land as the special assessment against the lands named therein, to defray the cost of the parkway paving improvement to said properties, to be payable in five (5) equal annual installments, with interest thereon at 3.0 percent per annum and the Secretary of the Board be, and is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution together with said assessment roll to the Finance Director of Hennepin County to enter said amounts on the tax lists of the County; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

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TO: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Julia Wiseman, Director Finance

DATE: November 29, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution Assessing Certain Properties to Defray the Cost of West River Parkway Paving Improvements Adjacent to Private Property

BACKGROUND

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), by proceeding under the Charter of the City of Minneapolis, Chapter 20 an Ordinance of MPRB, and state law, caused the completion of improvements to West River Parkway an existing parkway within the City of Minneapolis. Benefiting private properties within the City of Minneapolis have the option to pay for the portion of the parkway paving improvement assessed to them in full or have the cost levied. The amount assessed to the property is based on the area of influence and is costed utilizing the uniform assessment rates as set by the City of Minneapolis.

The City of Minneapolis Public Works Department completed the West River Parkway paving project for an estimated total cost of $582,748. The MPRB is levying and collecting $172,365 in property assessments for this work. The MPRB will reimburse the City of Minneapolis for the amount of the assessments through the use of fund balance in the Park Acquisition and Improvement Fund. The Park Acquisition and Improvement fund is the Fund established specifically for the private property diseased tree removal program and the parkway paving and assessment program. The fund balance at December 31, 2016 was $969,513. This fund will be reimbursed as the assessments are paid over the five-year period.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing for these assessments on November 29, 2017 to provide property owners an opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners regarding the assessment.

The Board of Commissioners will now consider this resolution to levy the parkway assessment. Parkway assessments are placed as a special assessment with Hennepin County. The cost is spread in an installment method over five years with an interest factor of 3.0 percent added to each installment. The first installment for this special assessment will appear on the 2018 taxes.

RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners assess certain properties to defray the cost of West River Parkway paving improvements adjacent to private property.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Vision Theme 3: Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs.

Goal: Financially independent and sustainable parks prosper.

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