

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A  
2023 WEDC VIBRANT SPACES GRANT APPLICATION  
MARITIME PLAZA AND HERITAGE GARDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Department is aware of the Vibrant Spaces Grant (“Grant”) by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (“WEDC”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant is designed to create visible, pedestrian-oriented public space that will attract multiple user groups and accommodate activities that increase the community’s quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Manitowoc (“City”) and the Wisconsin Maritime Museum (“WMM”) have identified an underutilized property located 914 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, owned by the WMM, and seek to construct a publicly accessible outdoor educational garden and exhibit space for the benefit of the community and visitors (“Project”) at said property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant requires the City to pass a resolution supporting the Project and authorizing Community Development Staff to apply for the grant on behalf of the WMM; and

**WHEREAS**, the WMM has agreed to secure the required 50% matching funds, maintain ownership and assume the responsibility of the build-out, management, and programming of the property, as detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding dated and executed 01/11/2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by Mayor Justin M. Nickels and the Common Council of the City of Manitowoc that the City is in support of the Project and authorizes Community Development staff to act on behalf of the City to submit an application on behalf of the WMM to the WEDC for the Vibrant Spaces Grant, accept the funding and grant terms if awarded, and take necessary action to comply with approved award activities.

INTRODUCED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_

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Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

**Fiscal Impact:** None. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum will be responsible for any expenses related to the project if the grant is awarded.  
**Funding Source:** N/A  
**Fiscal Approval:** /JMN  
**Approved to as to form:** /EGN

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