

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A
2024 WEDC VIBRANT SPACES GRANT APPLICATION
MARITIME PLAZA AND HERITAGE GARDEN**

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department was made aware of the Vibrant Spaces Grant (the Grant) by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation; 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 and the Wisconsin Maritime Museum (WMM) have identified an underutilized property located 914 S. 12th Street, owned by the WMM, to construct a publicly accessible outdoor educational garden and exhibit space for the benefit of the community and visitors and,

WHEREAS, the Grant requires the city to pass a resolution supporting the proposed project and authorizing Community Development Staff to apply for the grant on behalf of the WMM; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum has agreed to secure the required 50% match, 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 01/26/2023.

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 Wisconsin Maritime Museum to the WEDC for the Vibrant Spaces Grant, to accept the funding and grant terms if awarded as well as sign documents and take necessary action to comply with approved award activities.

INTRODUCED: _____ ADOPTED _____

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

APPROVED _____

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated \$0 fiscal impact for the City of Manitowoc, if grant is awarded, due to matching funds, associated expenses, and adhering to grant requirements being the responsibility of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum as detailed in MOU, dated 1/26/2023, between the City and Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

Funding Source: Not applicable

Fiscal Approval: /SMA

Approved to as to form: /EGN

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