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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$18,835,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2025B

WHEREAS, the Common Council hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the City of Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin (the "City") to raise funds for public purposes, including undertaking improvements to buildings, land and street/roads and acquiring equipment (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Common Council hereby finds and determines that the Project is within the City's power to undertake and therefore serves a "public purpose" as that term is defined in Section 67.04(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes;

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation promissory notes for such public purposes;

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Common Council that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the City to authorize the issuance of and to sell the general obligation promissory notes (the "Notes") to Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the "Purchaser");

WHEREAS, the Purchaser intends to submit a note purchase agreement to the City (the "Proposal") offering to purchase the Notes in accordance with the terms and conditions to be set forth in the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser in a timely manner, the Common Council hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the City to delegate to the Mayor and the City Clerk (the "Authorized Officers") the authority to accept the Proposal on behalf of the City so long as the Proposal meets the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution by executing a certificate in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the "Approving Certificate").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City that:

Section 1. Authorization and Sale of the Notes; Parameters. For the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, there shall be borrowed pursuant to Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin

Statutes, the principal sum of not to exceed EIGHTEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,835,000) from the Purchaser upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution. Subject to satisfaction of the condition set forth in Section 15 of this Resolution, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute, issue and sell to the Purchaser for, on behalf of and in the name of the City, Notes aggregating the principal amount of not to exceed EIGHTEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,835,000). The purchase price to be paid to the City for the Notes shall not be less than 98.50% of the principal amount of the Notes and the difference between the initial public offering price of the Notes and the purchase price to be paid to the City by the Purchaser shall not exceed 1.50% of the principal amount of the Notes, with an amount not to exceed 1.00% of the principal amount of the Notes representing the Purchaser's compensation and an amount not to exceed 0.50% of the principal amount of the Notes representing costs of issuance, including bond insurance premium (if any).

Section 2. Terms of the Notes. The Notes shall be designated "General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025B"; shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$18,835,000; shall be dated as of their date of issuance; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof; shall be numbered R-1 and upward; and shall mature or be subject to mandatory redemption on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth below, provided that the principal amount of each maturity or mandatory redemption amount may be increased or decreased by up to \$1,800,000 per maturity or mandatory redemption amount; that a maturity or mandatory redemption amount may be eliminated if the amount of such maturity or mandatory redemption amount set forth in the schedule below is less than or equal to \$1,800,000; and that the aggregate principal amount of the Notes shall not exceed \$18,835,000. The schedule below assumes the Notes are issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$18,835,000.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
06-01-2026	\$4,115,000
12-01-2026	3,870,000
12-01-2027	610,000
12-01-2028	640,000
12-01-2029	675,000
12-01-2030	710,000
12-01-2031	745,000
12-01-2032	780,000
12-01-2033	820,000
12-01-2034	860,000
12-01-2035	905,000
12-01-2036	950,000
12-01-2037	1,000,000
12-01-2038	1,050,000
12-01-2039	1,105,000

Interest shall be payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year commencing on June 1, 2026 or on such other date approved by the Authorized Officers in the Approving Certificate. The true interest cost on the Notes (computed taking the Purchaser's

compensation into account) shall not exceed 5.25%. Interest shall be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Section 3. Redemption Provisions. The Notes shall be subject to optional redemption as set forth on the Approving Certificate. If the Proposal specifies that certain of the Notes shall be subject to mandatory redemption, the terms of such mandatory redemption shall be set forth on an attachment to the Approving Certificate labeled as Schedule MRP. Upon the optional redemption of any of the Notes subject to mandatory redemption, the principal amount of such Notes so redeemed shall be credited against the mandatory redemption payments established in the Approving Certificate in such manner as the City shall direct.

Section 4. Form of the Notes. The Notes shall be issued in registered form and shall be executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. Tax Provisions.

(A) Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same becomes due, the full faith, credit and resources of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property of the City a direct annual irrepealable tax in the years 2025 through 2038 for the payments due in the years 2026 through 2039 in the amounts as are sufficient to meet the principal and interest payments when due.

(B) Tax Collection. So long as any part of the principal of or interest on the Notes remains unpaid, the City shall be and continue without power to repeal such levy or obstruct the collection of said tax until all such payments have been made or provided for. After the issuance of the Notes, said tax shall be, from year to year, carried onto the tax roll of the City and collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the City for said years are collected, except that the amount of tax carried onto the tax roll may be reduced in any year by the amount of any surplus money in the Debt Service Fund Account created below.

(C) Additional Funds. If at any time there shall be on hand insufficient funds from the aforesaid tax levy to meet principal and/or interest payments on said Notes when due, the requisite amounts shall be paid from other funds of the City then available, which sums shall be replaced upon the collection of the taxes herein levied.

(D) Appropriation. To the extent necessary, the City hereby appropriates from proceeds of the Notes or other funds of the City on hand a sum sufficient to be irrevocably deposited in the segregated Debt Service Fund Account created below and used to pay interest on the Notes coming due in 2025, if any, as may be set forth on Schedule III of the Approving Certificate.

Section 6. Segregated Debt Service Fund Account.

(A) Creation and Deposits. There shall be and there hereby is established in the treasury of the City, if one has not already been created, a debt service fund, separate and distinct from every other fund, which shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Debt service or sinking funds established for obligations previously issued by the City may be considered as separate and distinct accounts within the debt service fund.

Within the debt service fund, there hereby is established a separate and distinct account designated as the "Debt Service Fund Account for General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025B" (the "Debt Service Fund Account") and such account shall be maintained until the indebtedness evidenced by the Notes is fully paid or otherwise extinguished. There shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund Account (i) all accrued interest received by the City at the time of delivery of and payment for the Notes; (ii) any premium which may be received by the City above the par value of the Notes and accrued interest thereon; (iii) all money raised by the taxes herein levied and any amounts appropriated for the specific purpose of meeting principal of and interest on the Notes when due; (iv) such other sums as may be necessary at any time to pay principal of and interest on the Notes when due; (v) surplus monies in the Borrowed Money Fund as specified below; and (vi) such further deposits as may be required by Section 67.11, Wisconsin Statutes.

(B) Use and Investment. No money shall be withdrawn from the Debt Service Fund Account and appropriated for any purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes until all such principal and interest has been paid in full and the Notes canceled; provided (i) the funds to provide for each payment of principal of and interest on the Notes prior to the scheduled receipt of taxes from the next succeeding tax collection may be invested in direct obligations of the United States of America maturing in time to make such payments when they are due or in other investments permitted by law; and (ii) any funds over and above the amount of such principal and interest payments on the Notes may be used to reduce the next succeeding tax levy, or may, at the option of the City, be invested by purchasing the Notes as permitted by and subject to Section 67.11(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, or in permitted municipal investments under the pertinent provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes ("Permitted Investments"), which investments shall continue to be a part of the Debt Service Fund Account. Any investment of the Debt Service Fund Account shall at all times conform with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and any applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations").

(C) Remaining Monies. When all of the Notes have been paid in full and canceled, and all Permitted Investments disposed of, any money remaining in the Debt Service Fund Account shall be transferred and deposited in the general fund of the City, unless the Common Council directs otherwise.

Section 7. Proceeds of the Notes; Segregated Borrowed Money Fund. The proceeds of the Notes (the "Note Proceeds") (other than any premium and accrued interest which must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Notes into the Debt Service Fund Account created above)

shall be deposited into a special fund (the "Borrowed Money Fund") separate and distinct from all other funds of the City and disbursed solely for the purpose or purposes for which borrowed. Monies in the Borrowed Money Fund may be temporarily invested in Permitted Investments. Any monies, including any income from Permitted Investments, remaining in the Borrowed Money Fund after the purpose or purposes for which the Notes have been issued have been accomplished, and, at any time, any monies as are not needed and which obviously thereafter cannot be needed for such purpose(s) shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund Account.

Section 8. No Arbitrage. All investments made pursuant to this Resolution shall be Permitted Investments, but no such investment shall be made in such a manner as would cause the Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code or the Regulations and an officer of the City, charged with the responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall certify as to facts, estimates, circumstances and reasonable expectations in existence on the date of delivery of the Notes to the Purchaser which will permit the conclusion that the Notes are not "arbitrage bonds," within the meaning of the Code or Regulations.

Section 9. Compliance with Federal Tax Laws. (a) The City represents and covenants that the projects financed by the Notes and the ownership, management and use of the projects will not cause the Notes to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code. The City further covenants that it shall comply with the provisions of the Code to the extent necessary to maintain the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Notes including, if applicable, the rebate requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code. The City further covenants that it will not take any action, omit to take any action or permit the taking or omission of any action within its control (including, without limitation, making or permitting any use of the proceeds of the Notes) if taking, permitting or omitting to take such action would cause any of the Notes to be an arbitrage bond or a private activity bond within the meaning of the Code or would otherwise cause interest on the Notes to be included in the gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes. The City Clerk or other officer of the City charged with the responsibility of issuing the Notes shall provide an appropriate certificate of the City certifying that the City can and covenanting that it will comply with the provisions of the Code and Regulations.

(b) The City also covenants to use its best efforts to meet the requirements and restrictions of any different or additional federal legislation which may be made applicable to the Notes provided that in meeting such requirements the City will do so only to the extent consistent with the proceedings authorizing the Notes and the laws of the State of Wisconsin and to the extent that there is a reasonable period of time in which to comply.

Section 10. Execution of the Notes; Closing; Professional Services. The Notes shall be issued in printed form, executed on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk, authenticated, if required, by the Fiscal Agent (defined below), sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, or a facsimile thereof, and delivered to the Purchaser upon payment to the City of the purchase price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery (the "Closing"). The facsimile signature of either of the officers executing the Notes may be imprinted on the Notes in lieu of the manual signature of the officer but, unless the City has contracted with a fiscal agent to authenticate the Notes, at least one of the signatures appearing on each Note shall be a manual signature. In the event that either of the officers

whose signatures appear on the Notes shall cease to be such officers before the Closing, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if they had remained in office until the Closing. The aforesaid officers are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and execute and deliver the Notes and all such documents, certificates and acknowledgements as may be necessary and convenient to effectuate the Closing. The City hereby authorizes the officers and agents of the City to enter into, on its behalf, agreements and contracts in conjunction with the Notes, including but not limited to agreements and contracts for legal, trust, mandatory redemption, fiscal agency, disclosure and continuing disclosure, and rebate calculation services. Any such contract heretofore entered into in conjunction with the issuance of the Notes is hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

Section 11. Payment of the Notes; Fiscal Agent. The principal of and interest on the Notes shall be paid by the City Clerk or City Treasurer (the "Fiscal Agent") unless a fiscal agent is named in the Approving Certificate. If no fiscal agent is named in the Approving Certificate, the Authorized Officer may name a redemption agent in the Approving Certificate. The Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk or other appropriate officers of the City to enter into either a fiscal agency agreement or mandatory redemption agreement between the City and a third party financial institution if a fiscal agent or redemption agent is named in the Approving Certificate.

Section 12. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Notes. The City shall cause books for the registration and for the transfer of the Notes to be kept by the Fiscal Agent. The person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and payment of either principal or interest on any Note shall be made only to the registered owner thereof. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Any Note may be transferred by the registered owner thereof by surrender of the Note at the office of the Fiscal Agent, duly endorsed for the transfer or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon such transfer, the Mayor and City Clerk shall execute and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of a like aggregate principal amount, series and maturity and the Fiscal Agent shall record the name of each transferee in the registration book. No registration shall be made to bearer. The Fiscal Agent shall cancel any Note surrendered for transfer.

The City shall cooperate in any such transfer, and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute any new Note or Notes necessary to effect any such transfer.

Section 13. Record Date. The 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date shall be the record date for the Notes (the "Record Date"). Payment of interest on the Notes on any interest payment date shall be made to the registered owners of the Notes as they appear on the registration book of the City at the close of business on the Record Date.

Section 14. Utilization of The Depository Trust Company Book-Entry-Only System. In order to make the Notes eligible for the services provided by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), the City agrees to the applicable provisions set forth in the

Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, which the City Clerk or other authorized representative of the City is authorized and directed to execute and deliver to DTC on behalf of the City to the extent an effective Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations is not presently on file in the City Clerk's office.

Section 15. Condition on Issuance and Sale of the Notes. The issuance of the Notes and the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser are subject to approval by the Authorized Officers of the principal amount, definitive maturities, redemption provisions, interest rates and purchase price for the Notes, which approval shall be evidenced by execution by the Authorized Officers of the Approving Certificate.

The Notes shall not be issued, sold or delivered until this condition is satisfied. Upon satisfaction of this condition, the Authorized Officers are authorized to execute a Proposal with the Purchaser providing for the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser.

Section 16. Official Statement. The Common Council hereby directs the Authorized Officers to approve the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Notes and deem the Preliminary Official Statement as "final" as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). All actions taken by the Authorized Officers or other officers of the City in connection with the preparation of such Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda to it or final Official Statement are hereby ratified and approved. In connection with the Closing, the appropriate City official shall certify the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement. The City Clerk shall cause copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement to be distributed to the Purchaser.

Section 17. Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure. The City hereby covenants and agrees, for the benefit of the owners of the Notes, to enter into a written undertaking (the "Undertaking") if required by the Rule to provide continuing disclosure of certain financial information and operating data and timely notices of the occurrence of certain events in accordance with the Rule. The Undertaking shall be enforceable by the owners of the Notes or by the Purchaser on behalf of such owners (provided that the rights of the owners and the Purchaser to enforce the Undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the obligations thereunder and any failure by the City to comply with the provisions of the Undertaking shall not be an event of default with respect to the Notes).

To the extent required under the Rule, the Mayor and City Clerk, or other officer of the City charged with the responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall provide a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the details and terms of the City's Undertaking.

Section 18. Record Book. The City Clerk shall provide and keep the transcript of proceedings as a separate record book (the "Record Book") and shall record a full and correct statement of every step or proceeding had or taken in the course of authorizing and issuing the Notes in the Record Book.

Section 19. Bond Insurance. If the Purchaser determines to obtain municipal bond insurance with respect to the Notes, the officers of the City are authorized to take all actions necessary to obtain such municipal bond insurance. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to agree to such additional provisions as the bond insurer may reasonably request and which are acceptable to the Mayor and City Clerk including provisions regarding restrictions on investment of Note proceeds, the payment procedure under the municipal bond insurance policy, the rights of the bond insurer in the event of default and payment of the Notes by the bond insurer and notices to be given to the bond insurer. In addition, any reference required by the bond insurer to the municipal bond insurance policy shall be made in the form of Note provided herein.

Section 20. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the Common Council or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Fiscal Note: Long term capital projects of \$14,719,596 and equipment of \$4,112,135 have been approved and budgeted in 2025 through this borrowing. Payments will be due in the years 2026 through 2039.