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Downtown Racine Pedestrian, Plaza & Parking, City of Racine: Downtown Public Realm and Parking Plan, October 2019

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 62.23 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the City of Racine is authorized to prepare and adopt certain amendments to the document titled “A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035” (Comp. Plan 2035) as defined in Sections 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and as represented in the proposed amendment document titled “Downtown Racine Pedestrian, Plaza & Parking, City of Racine: Downtown Public Realm and Parking Plan, October 2019” (The Plan); and

WHEREAS, The Plan provides an examination of the existing conditions of facilities and their functioning in the Downtown area related to parking traffic circulation, safety and the public realm/assembly space through and examination of 1) traffic circulation on Main Street corridor, 2) on and off-street parking systems, and 3) utilization of Monument Square; and

WHEREAS, The plans and designs in The Plan were developed during two, four-day collaborative workshops from July 8 through July 11, 2019 and from July 29th through August 1, 2019 during which City Staff, City Alders, City Committee, Commission, and Board Members, Downtown Racine Corporation officials, business owners, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, civic leaders, property owners, and other members of the community provided input and feedback, all culminating in the public presentation of design concepts on August 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Resulting from the collaborative workshops and final presentation, The Plan was produced to summarize the design process, the design concepts, and to augment the diagrams and presentations that were developed during the workshop, and a preliminary draft of The Plan was delivered to the City in September 2019, and a final plan in November 2019; and

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2019 copies of The Plan were distributed to adjacent municipalities, Racine County, and the Racine Public Library; on December 23, 2019 a notice of public hearing was published in the Journal Times; on January 22, 2020 the Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission (PHDC) and public in attendance received a presentation from Toole Design regarding The Plan followed by a public hearing after which PHDC members vote unanimously to approve The Plan and directed staff to prepare the appropriate documents to effectuate the codification of The Plan; and

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2020 the Committee of the Whole of the Common Council received a presentation by Toole Design regarding The Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution is prepared to effectuate an amendment to the Comp. Plan 2035 and has been reviewed by the Planning, Heritage and Design Commission during their meeting of February 12, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Racine, Wisconsin through this resolution formally adopts the document titled "Downtown Racine Pedestrian, Plaza & Parking, City of Racine: Downtown Public Realm and Parking Plan, October 2019" as an amendment to the document titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035", pursuant to Sections 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Fiscal Note: N/A