

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

Reference is made to the schedule of "Taxpayers and Refunds Requested" attached to the Docket for consideration of the City Council. On the basis of that schedule, which is incorporated herein, the following facts are found:

1. The City-County Tax Collector has collected property taxes from the taxpayers set out on the list attached to the Docket.
2. The City-County Tax Collector has certified that those taxpayers have made proper demand in writing for refund of the amounts set out on the schedule within the required time limits.
3. The amounts listed on the schedule were collected through either a clerical or assessor error.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session assembled this 14th day of May 2007 that those taxpayers listed on the schedule of "Taxpayers and Refunds Requested" be refunded in the amounts therein set up and that the schedule and this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 14th day of May, 2007, the reference having been made in Minute Book 125, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 40, Pages (628-629).

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 15th day of May, 2007.



Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk

**TAXPAYERS AND REFUNDS REQUESTED
(Clerical Error)**

Name	Amount
HOMELIFE COMMUNITIES GROUP	\$ 1,844.52
SHYTLE JOEL W	12.60
SHYTLE JOEL W	12.60
SHYTLE JOEL W	12.60
SHYTLE JOEL W	13.76
BOPPER'S BAR & BOOGIE	1,265.96
BOPPER'S BAR & BOOGIE	1,061.25
BOPPER'S BAR & BOOGIE	879.70
BOPPER'S BAR & BOOGIE	793.64
HILL TERRY	14.22
MCALISTER SHERYL A	23.96
TABOR WILLIE FRANK	9.70
BISHOP SUSAN MARIE	25.45
ITTHIPHOL AIRRICK SONGDETH	23.17
GAINES DAVID LEELAND	123.39
GAINES DAVID LEELAND	28.46
US EQUIPMENT LEASING LLC	1,601.27
ADAMS HELEN REALTY	133.70
HUTCHENS JOSEPH EDWARD	104.58
WILLIS PETER /JAMES WILLIS	94.93
WILLIS PETER/JAMES	95.63
WILLIS PETER/JAMES	89.88
BANKS LYNN	41.64
HAILE CRYSTAL DETRALE	107.31
PARK ROBERT H	107.77
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Total	<u><u>\$ 8,521.69</u></u>

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte finds as a fact that it is necessary to acquire certain property as indicated below for the **ELIZABETH AVENUE BUSINESS CORRIDOR PROJECT**; and

WHEREAS, the City either in good faith has undertaken to negotiate for the purchase of this property but has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners for the purchase price or, after reasonable diligence, has been unable to negotiate a purchase price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of Charlotte, that condemnation proceedings are hereby authorized to be instituted against the property indicated below, under the authority and procedures of the laws of the State of North Carolina:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Amount necessary for the **ELIZABETH AVENUE BUSINESS CORRIDOR PROJECT** and estimated to be approximately **330 square feet (.008 acre) of temporary construction easement** and any additional property or interest as the City may determine to complete the Project, as it relates to Tax Parcel No. 125-111-21, said property currently owned by **ANTHONY R. COMBS and wife, KAREN C. COMBS; BRYAN F. KENNEDY, III, Trustee; PARK MERIDIAN BANK, Beneficiary; COMB'S INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Lessee, and Any Other Parties in Interest**, or the owners' successor-in-interest.

ESTIMATED JUST COMPENSATION:

Such estimated just compensation as may be determined based upon the takings required by the final construction plans.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the estimated just compensation for the property is hereby authorized to be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, together with the filing of the Complaint and Declaration of Taking.

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 14th day of May, 2007, the reference having been made in Minute Book 125, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 40, Page 630.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 15th day of May, 2007.



Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk

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WHEREAS, the City either in good faith has undertaken to negotiate for the purchase of this property but has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners for the purchase price or, after reasonable diligence, has been unable to negotiate a purchase price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of Charlotte, that condemnation proceedings are hereby authorized to be instituted against the property indicated below, under the authority and procedures of the laws of the State of North Carolina:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Amount necessary for the **ELIZABETH AVENUE BUSINESS CORRIDOR PROJECT** and estimated to be approximately **169 square feet (.003 acre) of sidewalk and utility easement and temporary construction easement** and any additional property or interest as the City may determine to complete the Project, as it relates to Tax Parcel No. 125-101-12, said property currently owned by **HOWARD R. FIERMAN and spouse, if any; MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, and Any Other Parties in Interest**, or the owners' successor-in-interest.

ESTIMATED JUST COMPENSATION:

Such estimated just compensation as may be determined based upon the takings required by the final construction plans.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the estimated just compensation for the property is hereby authorized to be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, together with the filing of the Complaint and Declaration of Taking.

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 14th day of May, 2007, the reference having been made in Minute Book 125, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 40, Page 631.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 15th day of May, 2007.



Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte finds as a fact that it is necessary to acquire certain property as indicated below for the **RAINTREE LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT**; and

WHEREAS, the City either in good faith has undertaken to negotiate for the purchase of this property but has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners for the purchase price or, after reasonable diligence, has been unable to negotiate a purchase price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of Charlotte, that condemnation proceedings are hereby authorized to be instituted against the property indicated below, under the authority and procedures of the laws of the State of North Carolina:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Amount necessary for the **RAINTREE LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT** and estimated to be approximately **9,651.72 square feet (.222 acre) of sidewalk and utility easement and temporary construction easement** and any additional property or interest as the City may determine to complete the Project, as it relates to Tax Parcel No. 225-151-02, said property currently owned by **RAINTREE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; LISA PIAZZI, Judgment Creditor; HORNE ELECTRIC CO., Judgment Creditor, and Any Other Parties in Interest**, or the owners' successor-in-interest.

ESTIMATED JUST COMPENSATION:

Such estimated just compensation as may be determined based upon the takings required by the final construction plans.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the estimated just compensation for the property is hereby authorized to be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, together with the filing of the Complaint and Declaration of Taking.

CERTIFICATION

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Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte finds as a fact that it is necessary to acquire certain property as indicated below for the **RAINTREE LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT**; and

WHEREAS, the City either in good faith has undertaken to negotiate for the purchase of this property but has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners for the purchase price or, after reasonable diligence, has been unable to negotiate a purchase price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of Charlotte, that condemnation proceedings are hereby authorized to be instituted against the property indicated below, under the authority and procedures of the laws of the State of North Carolina:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Amount necessary for the **RAINTREE LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT** and estimated to be approximately **7,657.12 square feet (.176 acre) of sidewalk and utility easement and temporary construction easement** and any additional property or interest as the City may determine to complete the Project, as it relates to Tax Parcel No. 225-171-01, said property currently owned by **RAINTREE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; VOR CLUB CORPORATION, Lessee; SOUTHLAND ASSOCIATES, INC.; Trustee; CENTRAL CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Beneficiary; CB SERVICES CORP., Trustee; RBC CENTURA BANK, Beneficiary; CENTRAL CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Secured Party; RBC CENTURA BANK, Secured Party; LISA PIAZZI, Judgment Creditor; HORNE ELECTRIC CO., Judgment Creditor, and Any Other Parties in Interest, or the owners' successor-in-interest.**

ESTIMATED JUST COMPENSATION:

Such estimated just compensation as may be determined based upon the takings required by the final construction plans.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the estimated just compensation for the property is hereby authorized to be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, together with the filing of the Complaint and Declaration of Taking.

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 14th day of May, 2007, the reference having been made in Minute Book 125, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 40, Page 633.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 15th day of May, 2007.



Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte finds as a fact that it is necessary to acquire certain property as indicated below for the **RAINTREE LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT**; and

WHEREAS, the City either in good faith has undertaken to negotiate for the purchase of this property but has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners for the purchase price or, after reasonable diligence, has been unable to negotiate a purchase price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of Charlotte, that condemnation proceedings are hereby authorized to be instituted against the property indicated below, under the authority and procedures of the laws of the State of North Carolina:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Amount necessary for the **RAINTREE LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT** and estimated to be approximately **6,646.46 square feet (.153 acre) of sidewalk and utility easement and temporary construction easement** and any additional property or interest as the City may determine to complete the Project, as it relates to Tax Parcel No. 225-181-08, said property currently owned by **RAINTREE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; VOR CLUB CORPORATION, Lessee; SOUTHLAND ASSOCIATES, INC.; Trustee; CENTRAL CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Beneficiary; CB SERVICES CORP., Trustee; RBC CENTURA BANK, Beneficiary; CENTRAL CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Secured Party; RBC CENTURA BANK, Secured Party; LISA PIAZZI, Judgment Creditor; HORNE ELECTRIC CO., Judgment Creditor, and Any Other Parties in Interest, or the owners' successor-in-interest.**

ESTIMATED JUST COMPENSATION:

Such estimated just compensation as may be determined based upon the takings required by the final construction plans.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the estimated just compensation for the property is hereby authorized to be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, together with the filing of the Complaint and Declaration of Taking.

CERTIFICATION

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WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 15th day of May, 2007.



Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte finds as a fact that it is necessary to acquire certain property as indicated below for the **RAINTREE LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT**; and

WHEREAS, the City either in good faith has undertaken to negotiate for the purchase of this property but has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners for the purchase price or, after reasonable diligence, has been unable to negotiate a purchase price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of Charlotte, that condemnation proceedings are hereby authorized to be instituted against the property indicated below, under the authority and procedures of the laws of the State of North Carolina:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Amount necessary for the **RAINTREE LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT** and estimated to be approximately **1,114.16 square feet (.026 acre) of temporary construction easement** and any additional property or interest as the City may determine to complete the Project, as it relates to Tax Parcel No. 225-181-19, said property currently owned by **RAINTREE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; VOR CLUB CORPORATION, Lessee; SOUTHLAND ASSOCIATES, INC.; Trustee; CENTRAL CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Beneficiary; CB SERVICES CORP., Trustee; RBC CENTURA BANK, Beneficiary; CENTRAL CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Secured Party; RBC CENTURA BANK, Secured Party; LISA PIAZZI, Judgment Creditor; HORNE ELECTRIC CO., Judgment Creditor, and Any Other Parties in Interest, or the owners' successor-in-interest.**

ESTIMATED JUST COMPENSATION:

Such estimated just compensation as may be determined based upon the takings required by the final construction plans.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the estimated just compensation for the property is hereby authorized to be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, together with the filing of the Complaint and Declaration of Taking.

CERTIFICATION

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WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 15th day of May, 2007.



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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

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WHEREAS, the City either in good faith has undertaken to negotiate for the purchase of this property but has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners for the purchase price or, after reasonable diligence, has been unable to negotiate a purchase price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of Charlotte, that condemnation proceedings are hereby authorized to be instituted against the property indicated below, under the authority and procedures of the laws of the State of North Carolina:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Amount necessary for the **RAINTREE LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT** and estimated to be approximately **3,885.42 square feet (.089 acre) of sidewalk and utility easement and temporary construction easement** and any additional property or interest as the City may determine to complete the Project, as it relates to Tax Parcel No. 225-371-33, said property currently owned by **DEERPARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; PETER M. FRANKLIN, Substitute Trustee; CITIBANK, N. A., Beneficiary, and Any Other Parties in Interest**, or the owners' successor-in-interest.

ESTIMATED JUST COMPENSATION:

Such estimated just compensation as may be determined based upon the takings required by the final construction plans.

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CERTIFICATION

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WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 15th day of May, 2007.



Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk

**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
CITY COUCIL**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE BROOKLYN VILLAGE
/ KNIGHTS BASEBALL STADIUM INTERLOCAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

WHEREAS, under Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, cities and counties are authorized to enter into interlocal cooperation undertakings with each other for the contractual exercise by one unit of local government for the other unit of local government of any power, function, public enterprise, right, privilege, or immunity of local government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S. 160A-274, any governmental unit may, upon such terms and conditions as it deems wise, with or without consideration, exchange with, lease to, lease from, sell to, or purchase from any other governmental unit any interest in real or personal property; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners and the Charlotte City Council adopted the Second Ward Neighborhood Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte (the "City") supports the concept proposed by Mecklenburg County Manager Harry Jones in his letter to Pam Syfert dated November 2, 2006 (the "Concept"), which would result in:

- 1) a site for a park in the Third Ward of Center City Charlotte with connection to South Tryon Street;
- 2) implementation of the first phase of the Second Ward Master Plan in accordance with the Vision Statement and Master Plan presented to Pam Syfert on or about September 20, 2006 (referred to as "Brooklyn Village"); and
- 3) development of a new stadium for the Charlotte Knights' minor league baseball team on a site in the Third Ward of Center City Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the County has executed a Memorandum of Understanding with Spectrum Investment Services and Cornerstone Real Estate Advisors for the development of Brooklyn Village in the Second Ward of Center City Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the County has executed a Memorandum of Understanding with Knights Baseball, LLC for the development of a minor league baseball stadium in the Third Ward of Center City Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Concept, the City desires to convey certain real property to the County at no cost to the County to assist in both the development of

Brooklyn Village, a Third Ward park and development of a minor league baseball stadium in Center City Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to assign its future ownership interest in the Wachovia Cultural Facilities to the City at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into the attached Interlocal Agreement with Mecklenburg County for joint assistance in the accomplishment of the goals set forth above, which would advance or further City and County economic development, urban revitalization, community development and land use plans; and

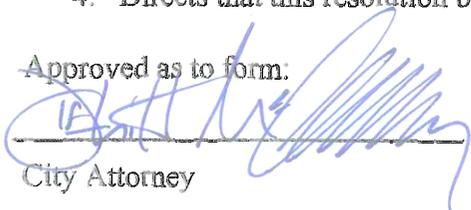
WHEREAS, the County ratified the attached Interlocal Agreement on May 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-461 requires that such Interlocal Agreements “be ratified by resolution of the governing board of each unit spread upon its minutes”, now, therefore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlotte City Council hereby:

1. Approves and ratifies the attached Brooklyn Village / Knights Baseball Stadium Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Mecklenburg County (the “Interlocal Agreement”); and
2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute such Agreements in substantially the form presented to City Council with technical corrections and minor modifications as she may deem necessary consistent with the spirit and intent of the transactions; and
3. Authorizes the City Manager to take all actions necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Interlocal Agreement, including but not limited to the land conveyances and right of way abandonments described therein; and
4. Directs that this resolution be reflected in the minutes the Charlotte City Council.

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 14th day of May, 2007, the reference having been made in Minute Book 125, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 40, Pages (637-639).

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 15th day of May, 2007.



Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk

A Resolution Supporting Increased Criminal Justice Funding from the State of North Carolina

WHEREAS, the level of criminal justice system funding in North Carolina and in Mecklenburg County is crucial to the health, safety, and welfare of Charlotte's residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, statistics show the State of North Carolina ranks low compared to other states in the percentage of State budget allocated to the criminal justice system, but ranks high compared to other states in the gross number of criminal and felony filings, and

WHEREAS, statistics show that the Mecklenburg County criminal justice system ranks low in assistant district attorney staffing levels, in non attorney staffing levels and in felony and misdemeanor case disposition rates, and

WHEREAS, statistics show that police are arresting the same criminals over and over because they are not being fully adjudicated by the state criminal justice system the first or second time they are arrested for a criminal offenses, oftentimes leading criminals to escalate the severity of offenses being committed without consequences, and

WHEREAS, there are 175 inmates in the Mecklenburg County jail with some type of murder charge and the County District Attorney estimates that his office, due to staffing and support, can only adequately prosecute 14 murder trials a year, and

WHEREAS, the number of juvenile offenders is rising in Mecklenburg County, particularly through an increase in the number of known gang members, yet there are only 30 beds for male juveniles, and none for females, and

WHEREAS, investment of funds in the criminal justice system will improve the court system by allowing cases to be handled faster and allowing district attorneys to perform their work more efficiently, and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is appreciative of the General Assembly's actions in the 2006 Short Session to allocate increased resources for the criminal justice system, and the General Assembly's commitment to keep this as a high priority for 2007, and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte has included increased criminal justice funding as one of its top legislative initiatives for the 2007 Long Session of the General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte supports increased criminal justice system funding by the State of North Carolina for Mecklenburg County, especially in the areas of staffing levels and technology improvements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte supports the efforts/initiatives of the Chief Justice to obtain this much needed funding for 2007 and beyond.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2007.

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 14th day of May, 2007, the reference having been made in Minute Book 125, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 40, Pages (640-641).

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Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk