

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PARTNER WITH THE SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY FOR A POTENTIAL LAND TRANSACTION AS AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION TO BRING A NEW LIBRARY TO THE CITY OF REPUBLIC

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri (“City” or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, due to the City’s ongoing rapid growth and development, the Republic citizenship has outpaced the capacity of the City’s current library facility; and

WHEREAS, with the projected growth rate of the community, additional library space within the City, having a large auditorium, multiple conference rooms and co-work spaces, is essential to providing the community members with educational opportunities and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield-Greene County Library has secured \$4.5 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds available for installing the new library in Republic; and

WHEREAS, the City’s residents and the public in general would significantly benefit from the City’s participation in a collective regional effort to bring the new library to Republic (“the Initiative”); and

WHEREAS, the City owns real property it could offer as an in-kind contribution to the Initiative, in exchange for certain terms to be set forth in an intergovernmental agreement between the City and Springfield-Greene County Library, which would include, but not necessarily be limited to, installation of the library in the City, completion of the facility by 2027 and the City’s permissive use of the new library facility for City meetings and events; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends the authorization by Council for the City to partner with the Springfield-Greene County Library for a potential land transaction as an in-kind contribution to a new library within the City that would provide the citizens with much needed space and resources for continued educational development and opportunities of the residents and surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City Administrator, or his designee(s), on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to partner with the Springfield-Greene County Library for a potential land transaction as an in-kind contribution to an initiative designed to bring a new library facility to the City of Republic.

Section 2: The City Administrator, and/or his designee(s), on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to execute this Resolution, including (but not necessarily limited to) the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City and Springfield-Greene County Library, the terms and substance of which are subject to additional, separate Council approval.

Section 3: The WHEREAS clauses are hereby specifically incorporated herein by reference.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective on and after the date of passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Matt Russell, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote: