

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PUBLIC DONATION AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. FOR THE DONATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR 217, 221 and 225 NORTH MAIN AVENUE TO SERVE AS THE SITE FOR A FUTURE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**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**, the City owns real property located at 221 and 225 North Main Avenue (also identified as Groves Addition Lots 9, 10 and 11), 217 North Main Avenue (also identified as Groves Addition, Lots 7 and 8), and adjacent real property previously used for parking by Public Works staff members (also identified as Groves Addition, Lots 12 to and including 15) (collectively, “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic Historical Society, Inc. (“Historical Society”) has requested the City donate the Property to it for the purpose of constructing a Historical Museum that showcases the history of the City (“the Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council supports the Project, as it aligns with the City’s current efforts toward the downtown revitalization initiative to improve the Main Street downtown corridor area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to negotiate and execute a public donation agreement with the Historical Society for the public purpose of donating the Property to serve as the site for a new historical museum showcasing the City’s history, with possibility of reversion to the City in the event the Historical Society is unable to obtain the necessary funding for the stated public purpose or is otherwise unable to complete the project as intended by a date specified in the agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends for the property donation provided for herein to be the City’s sole and final financial contribution to the Project and that any and all future utility, operating or other expenses or costs shall be the sole responsibility of the Historical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the City and its citizens to donate the Property to the Historical Society under conditional terms requiring, among other things, that the Property be used for a public purpose within a specified time frame, such terms to be set forth in a public donation agreement.

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

**Section 1:** The City Administrator, and/or his designee(s), on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a public donation agreement with the Republic Historical Society, Inc. for the donation of real property located near 217, 221 and 225 North Main Avenue, as shown on “Exhibit A,” attached hereto and incorporated here, to the Historical Society, for the public purpose of building a future Historical Museum showcasing the City’s history.

- Section 2:** The public donation agreement referenced herein above to be executed by the City shall be in substantially the same form as that attached hereto and labeled "Exhibit B".
- Section 3:** The public donation agreement shall be contingent upon the Historical Society obtaining the necessary funding and upon the commencement of construction of the museum facility within no greater than five (5) years from the date of passage of this Resolution. Failure to begin construction by 2029 will require said donation to be presented to the City Council again for either approval of an extended construction date or return of said property to the City of Republic.
- Section 4:** The City Administrator, and/or his designee(s), on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to execute this Resolution.
- Section 5:** The WHEREAS clauses are hereby specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 6:** 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Eric Franklin, Mayor

**Attest:**

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

**Approved as to Form:**



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Megan McCullough, City Attorney

**Final Passage and Vote:**