## CITY OF SHEBOYGAN RESOLUTION 177-23-24

## BY ALDERPERSONS SALAZAR, RAMEY, AND PERRELLA.

## MARCH 4, 2024.

A RESOLUTION expressing the sense of the council that a portion of the 800 block of St. Clair Ave. be closed to vehicular traffic for the purpose of establishing a permanent public space in the location of the "Uptown Parklet," and directing the City Administrator to establish a plan and take necessary steps toward this purpose and to report as appropriate on his progress in doing so.

WHEREAS, the basis for suspension of the rules and immediate adoption of this Resolution is to give the City Administrator the maximum amount of time needed to work on establishing a plan prior to budget deliberations for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the city has established a temporary public space (often referred to as the "Uptown Parklet," though it is neither a park, nor technically a "parklet") on a portion of the 800 block of St. Clair Avenue just west of N. 8th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Uptown Parklet has proven to be a successful third space in a community that needs more such spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Uptown Parklet has been supported by neighboring businesses, including the two businesses immediately adjacent thereto (8<sup>th</sup> Street Ale House and Paradigm); and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the council that the Uptown Parklet be made a more permanent public space; and

WHEREAS, closing the street upon which the Uptown Parklet is located would be an important step in creating such a space; and

WHEREAS, the council acknowledges that it will take the cooperation and effort of multiple city departments and local partners to accomplish this task.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That it is the sense of the City of Sheboygan Common Council that a portion of the 800 block of St. Clair Ave. be closed to vehicular traffic for the purpose of establishing a permanent public space in the location of the "Uptown Parklet."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby directed to establish a plan and take necessary steps toward this purpose and to report as appropriate on his progress in doing so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That it is the sense of the Common Council that it would be appropriate for future Councils to make reasonable budget appropriations in support of such a project.

## PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN COMMON COUNCIL

Presiding Officer

Attest

Ryan Sorenson, Mayor, City of Sheboygan

Meredith DeBruin, City Clerk, City of Sheboygan