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MEMO

TO: Mayor McFarland and Committee Members
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.
DATE: February 9, 2023
RE: Finance Committee Agenda Narrative for February 13, 2023

Agenda Items:

Review and take possible action: Approve submittal of WEDC Vibrant Spaces Grant for Alley Improvements

BACKGROUND

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Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation offered a new grant program this year to assist communities in drawing customers and visitors to the commercial areas through improving under-utilized spaces. City staff evaluated the WEDC Vibrant Spaces Grant and identified a downtown alley revitalization project to apply for. The alley revitalization project would improve infrastructure, laying the groundwork for future alley improvements that would allow customers and visitors to access Main Street businesses through the rear entrances, before, during and after planned road reconstruction work in 2028. The Vibrant Spaces Grant offers a 50% state cost share with awards between \$25,000 & \$50,000 (for projects of \$50,000 to \$100,000). The Engineering Division seeks approval of a resolution to apply for this grant opportunity with the Mayor identified as the authorized representative of the City to sign off on related grant paperwork.

Proposed improvements include a permeable paver system to improve stormwater drainage and treat stormwater runoff. The City's funding match would be through the City's stormwater utility.

Attachments:

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- Draft Resolution