

RESOLUTION

TO DISSOLVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) AND CREATING A REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (RDA) AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sponsor: Mayor John David;

Committee referral: Finance Committee and "Community Development Authority"

WHEREAS, the City previously amended those certain provisions and iterations of a body known formally or informally as a/the "Community Development Authority" ("CDA") of the City of Watertown, Wisconsin, under a Resolution dated on or about August 15, 1989; but,

WHEREAS, the body politic since such time, and, currently, functioning analogously to the/a CDA, functions principally in/with the limited form and purpose of housing authority activities, only; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Watertown and the CDA of the City of Watertown deem it in the best interest of the City of Watertown that the CDA be dissolved and that a separate Housing Authority and Redevelopment Authority ("RDA") be created to perform the duties and obligations of a/the CDA; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown, Wisconsin is a municipal corporation organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Wisconsin and is authorized by Section 66.1333 of the Wisconsin Statutes, (the "Redevelopment Authority Law"), by proper resolution of the Common Council, to declare that there is a need in the City for a redevelopment authority which, upon the making of certain findings and declarations by this Common Council, shall be a public body corporate and politic authorized to transact business and exercise any and all powers, duties and functions set out in Section 66.1333 of the Wisconsin Statutes for redevelopment authorities; and,

WHEREAS, it is the finding, determination and declaration of this Common Council that there exists within the City a need for blight elimination, clearance of undesirable conditions, urban renewal programs and projects; and,

WHEREAS, it is the finding, determination and declaration of this Common Council that the City would derive public benefits from the creation of a redevelopment authority and the exercise by the redevelopment authority of its powers under the Redevelopment Authority Law, including by way of illustration but not limitation, the following public benefits: the elimination or prevention of substandard, deteriorated, unsanitary, and blighted areas; the provision and retention of gainful employment opportunities for the citizens of the City; an increase in the City's tax base; and the stimulation of the flow of investment capital into the City with resultant beneficial effects upon the economy in the City; and,

WHEREAS, it is the finding, determination and declaration of this Common Council that the public interest will be served if the City were to create a redevelopment authority in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CDA AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 66.1335, the CDA of the City of Watertown shall be, and, is hereby, dissolved;

SECTION 2. That it be, and hereby is, recognized that unsanitary or unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in the City of Watertown and that there is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in the City of Watertown available to persons of low income at a cost they can afford;

SECTION 3. That on the basis of the findings and determinations herein recited, this Common Council declares that there is a need for and does hereby create a redevelopment authority in the City, to be known as the "Redevelopment Authority of the City of Watertown, Wisconsin" (the "RDA"), authorized to transact business and exercise any and all powers granted to a redevelopment authority under the Redevelopment Authority Law as amended from time to time.

SECTION 4. That given the foregoing as well as the findings and determinations herein recited, and, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 66.1201, there is hereby further established (retained) a public body corporate and politic to be hereafter known as the Housing Authority of the City of Watertown; the Housing Authority membership, governance, operations and objectives shall be substantially the same as that of the to-be-former CDA insofar as said body functioned as a housing authority as authorized under Wisconsin Statutes § 66.1335;

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption. Upon such approval, the Clerk shall promptly notify the Mayor of the adoption of this Resolution by delivering a certified copy hereof to him, and the Mayor shall, with the confirmation of a four-fifths majority vote of this Common Council, appoint seven (7) qualified resident persons to serve as commissioners of the Authority for staggered initial terms consistent with § 66.1333(3)(a) and (b) of the Wisconsin Statutes. One commissioner shall be a member of this Common Council and no more than 2 of the commissioners shall be statutory officers of the City.

This is to certify that I have compared the attached copy with the original record now on file in my office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole thereof. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the City of Watertown this 31st day of Dec., 2016.

Cynthia A. Ruppel
City Clerk/Treasurer

ADOPTED Dec. 20, 2016
Cynthia A. Ruppel
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

APPROVED Dec 20, 2016
John David
MAYOR