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Date: June 16, 2021

To: Finance Committee

From: Jamin Friedl

Subject: WEDC Grant Extension – Commitment to Project Funding

The City of Stoughton was awarded a grant totaling $500,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to complete work along the Riverfront Development Area relating to a new pedestrian bridge and riverwalk improvements. In addition to this grant amount, the City has been tentatively awarded a Land Water Conservation Fund Grant from the DNR totaling $138,429 to assist with this work as well. The contract for this grant is provided by the National Park Service and given to the DNR to finalize. However, due to the change in Presidential administrations, the final delivery of this document has been delayed. The City has received explicit direction from the DNR not to enter into any construction agreements impacted by this grant funding until the grant agreement has been completed. Under normal circumstances the City would have anticipated receiving the final grant agreement in March or April of 2021; however, due to the change in administrations it is anticipated that we will receive the final agreement in autumn of 2021.

In addition, the City is working with a potential developer and delaying this work an additional year lines up better with the development timeline as well.

As a result of the delay in receiving the final award in the amount of $138,429 and the evolving development timeline, the City requested WEDC to extend the expenditure deadline from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022. WEDC has asked that the City provide assurances that it plans to move forward with this project in 2022 even if the $138,429 in grant funding does not come to fruition. Although the City is confident the grant funding will be available, the overall impact to the City's finances is much less than losing the funds available through the WEDC grant. With that said, WEDC is asking the City to consider a resolution confirming its commitment to the project even if the $138,429 in grant funding does not come to fruition.

This is a time sensitive issue because the City needs to move forward with bidding the bridge project in 2021 soon if WEDC does not approve the extension.

This document is an excerpt from the approved 2021 - 2025 CIP Budget

CITY OF STOUGHTON 2021 - 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (FINAL)

Department	Funding Source	Project Description	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Redevelopment Authority	***Other-Grants***	Pedestrian Bridge Construction	$ 475,103	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Redevelopment Authority	***General Obligation Debt***	Riverbank Restoration	$ 119,540	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Redevelopment Authority	***Other-Grants***	Riverbank Restoration	$ 92,060	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Redevelopment Authority	***General Obligation Debt***	Riverfront Trail and Amenities	$ 139,369	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Redevelopment Authority	***Other-Grants***	Riverfront Trail and Amenities	$ 103,010	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
			$ 929,082	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Grant Funding:		
WEDC	$ 428,734	*Awarded - Requesting Extension*
2019 DNR Stewardship	$ 103,010	*Awarded*
2020 DNR Land Water Conservation Fund Grant	$ 138,429	*Tentatively Awarded*
	$ 670,173	
City Funding	$ 258,909	

Note:

- The WEDC Grant total is for $500,000 - $71,265 of this grant amount was applied to design work already completed.
- The 2019 DNR Stewardship Grant total is $168,980 - $65,970 fo this amount was applied to design work
- The 2020 DNR Land Water Conservation Fund Grant has been tentatively awarded, but is being delayed at the Federal level. This is the amount WEDC is asking the City to commit to in 2022 should the Federal grant fall through for some reason.

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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution to commit to the Riverfront Pedestrian Bridge and Riverwalk Improvements should the Land Water Conservation Grant not come to fruition

Committee Action: Finance Committee meets on 6/22/21

Fiscal Impact: $138,429

File Number:	R - -2021	**Date Introduced:**	June 22, 2021

WHEREAS, the City has been tentatively awarded a Land Water Conservation Fund Grant from the DNR totaling $138,429 ("DNR Grant") to help fund the construction of a pedestrian bridge along the Riverfront Development Area; and

WHEREAS, due to the change in Presidential administrations, the final delivery of the final DNR Grant agreement has been delayed and is expected to be received in the autumn of 2021; and

WHEREAS, The City has received explicit directions from the DNR to not enter into any construction agreements to be funded in whole, or in part, from the DNR Grant until the final agreement is in place; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the DNR Grant, the City has also been awarded a $500,000 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation ("WEDC") to help fund this work as well; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure period for the WEDC grant expires on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate the delays associated with the DNR Grant and to better fit the tentative development timeline, the City has requested an extension from WEDC through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, WEDC has asked that the City provide assurances that it plans to move forward with this project in 2022 even if the $138,429 in grant funding does not come to fruition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stoughton Finance Committee recommends budgeting sufficient funds in the upcoming Capital Improvements Budget to cover the $138,429 in order to take advantage of the $500,000 WEDC grant.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Stoughton that City is willing to commit $138,429 in the upcoming Capital Improvements Budget to take advantage of the $500,000 WEDC grant should the DNR Grant not come to fruition.

Council Action: ☐ **Adopted** ☐ **Failed** **Vote** _____

Mayoral Action: ☐ **Accept** ☐ **Veto**

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Mayor Tim Swadley Date

Council Action: _____ ☐ **Override** **Vote** _____