

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee

Resolution No.: 10603
Adopted on: January 21, 2016
Project / Area: Administrative
Aldermanic District: 12th

Resolution approving the release of grant funds to Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board and Reynaldo Hernandez from the property sale at 611 W. National Avenue.

Whereas, Whereas, In 1991, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (“RACM”) sold a property at 611 W. National Avenue (“611 Building”) to Esperanza Unida (“EU”), a non-profit organization; and

Whereas, In 1994, the City of Milwaukee (“City”) and EU were jointly awarded a grant by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) to support the renovation of the building; and

Whereas, In accordance with federal law, EDA recorded a lien against the 611 Building to secure a damage payment to EDA in the event the use or ownership of the building changed before the grant expired in 2019; and

Whereas, Per Common Council Resolution File 141277, City entered into an agreement with the EDA to settle outstanding issues regarding the damage lien requirement of the 1994 grant; and,

Whereas, Operating under that agreement, the City took title to the 611 Building through property tax foreclosure in 2014 and, in March 2015, sold the 611 Building to a developer, 611 W. National Avenue Milwaukee, LLC (“Developer”), for \$1.3 million; and

Whereas, The City/EDA agreement requires that the City use \$92,835.35 of the sale proceeds to make a grant to a workforce development program to be operated by a nonprofit organization selected by the City; and

Whereas, Per the Closing Statement signed at the closing of the sale from City to Developer, \$14,000 of the sale proceeds are to be granted to artist Reynaldo Hernandez (“Hernandez”) to restore the prominent “Mural of Peace” installed on one wall of the 611 Building, and

Whereas, RACM accounts hold \$92,835.35 for the workforce development grant and \$14,000 for the mural restoration grant; and

Whereas, Common Council Resolution File 151349 (“File 151349”) selects the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (“MAWIB”) as the recipient of the workforce development program grant; authorizes disbursement of \$92,835.35 to MAWIB, and authorizes disbursement of a \$14,000 grant to Hernandez; now, therefore, be it

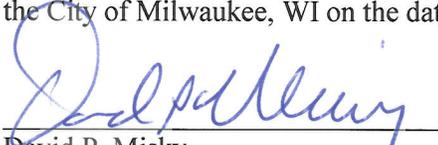
Resolved, That RACM authorizes the release of funds held in RACM accounts for grants to MAWIB and Hernandez; and, be it

Further Resolved, That RACM funds may be released only upon adoption of File 151349 by the Common Council and negotiation of a grant agreement between City and MAWIB and a grant agreement among City, Developer and Hernandez.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, WI on the date set forth above.

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David P. Misky
Assistant Executive Director – Secretary
