

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12-S

RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF PARTNERSHIP WITH A NON-PROFIT ENTITY THAT SEEKS TO RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF AN INDOOR COMMUNITY ICE ARENA/FACILITY AT FRANKSVILLE MEMORIAL PARK OR ANOTHER CENTRALLY-LOCATED COUNTY SITE

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, Racine County owns approximately 55-acres of parkland known as Franksville Memorial Park located at 9614 Northwestern Avenue, Franksville, WI 53216; and

WHEREAS, Franksville Memorial Park includes athletic fields, playgrounds, reservable shelters and an indoor hall, and is home to the Franksville Craft Beer Garden; and

WHEREAS, there are no publicly accessible indoor ice arenas/facilities within Racine County to provide year-round, ice-based programs, training services, and recreational opportunities in a safe and fun atmosphere that promotes wellness, skill development, and socialization for Racine County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Racine County Ice Center, Inc. ("RCIC") is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its primary purpose is to raise money to support the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a community ice arena/facility within Racine County; and

WHEREAS, the RCIC retained HVS Convention, Sports & Entertainment Facilities Consulting ("HVS") to conduct a feasibility study of an ice sports complex venue in Racine County and HVS determined that the market would support one National Hockey League ("NHL")-sized ice sheet with removable bleachers for 250 spectators, locker rooms with showers, administrative/team/facility operations offices, public washrooms, concessions, and an expansive lobby; and

WHEREAS, according to HVS, twenty-two percent of the visitors to Kenosha Ice Arena are residents of Racine County; and

WHEREAS, working with Nicholas & Associates, the RCIC estimates that it would cost \$13 million to design and construct a 38,000-square-foot-facility with the above-described core amenities at Franksville Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, it is envisioned that an indoor community ice arena/facility would serve as an avenue for recreation, fitness, employment, education, and economic development, and would primarily serve youth ice hockey organizations, figure skating clubs, camps/clinics, public skating, learn to skate programs, and third-party rentals; and

WHEREAS, the RCIC has secured a major, lead donor pledge in the amount of \$5 million to kick-off fundraising efforts with the goal of securing an additional \$3 million in pledged donations by October 2024; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the RCIC seeks Racine County’s support as it embarks on these
5 fundraising efforts and hopes to secure, an additional \$5 million in total funding from Racine
6 County over the 2024 and 2025 duly and separately authorized annual budgets toward the
7 design and construction of an indoor community ice arena/facility at the Franksville Memorial
8 Park or another centrally-located county site; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, while this resolution is not in itself a commitment to any specific amount of
11 funding, Racine County wishes to express its support of RCIC’s fundraising efforts and will
12 consider future funding based upon demonstration of community interest and successful
13 fundraising for a potential County-owned and operated indoor community ice arena/facility at
14 Franksville Memorial Park or another centrally-located county site.
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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors
17 that Racine County supports the RCIC’s efforts to raise money to support the design,
18 construction, operation, and maintenance of an indoor community ice arena/facility at
19 Franksville Memorial Park or another centrally-located county site.
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21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that any two
22 of the County Clerk, the County Executive, and/or the Racine County Board Chairman are
23 authorized to execute any contracts, agreements, amendments, or other documents necessary
24 to carry out the intent of this resolution, including the Memorandum of Understanding Between
25 Racine County and the Racine County Ice Center, Inc., as set forth in Exhibit “A” which is
26 attached hereto.
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28 Respectfully submitted,

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30 1st Reading _____

**PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE**

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32 2nd Reading _____

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34 BOARD ACTION _____

Tom Kramer, Chairman

35 Adopted _____

36 For _____

37 Against _____

38 Absent _____

Robert D. Grove, Vice-Chairman

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40 VOTE REQUIRED: _____

Tom Hincz, Secretary

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42 Prepared by:
43 Corporation Counsel _____

Marlo Harmon

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11 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**
12 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

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14 **Approved:** _____

15 **Vetoed:** _____

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17 **Date:** _____,

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20 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**