## RESOLUTION #01-10-23-01

## Authorizing Application for a Vibrant Spaces Grant through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

WHEREAS, the City of Waupun is aware of funding opportunities available through the Vibrant Spaces Pilot Grant Program administered by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC); and

WHEREAS, the Vibrant Spaces Grant Program's primary focus is to provide incentives for creation of visible and pedestrian-oriented public spaces that have the potential to attract multiple user groups and activities that impact the central business district in communities across Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, vacant city-owned lots located at 411, 415 and 421 E Main Street are in the heart of Waupun's Historic Downtown District and proposed activation of these public spaces has the potential to serve as a catalyst for other redevelopment in the Main Street corridor and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, such redevelopment is supported by the City's Community Development Authority and consistent with the City's TID 3 Project Plan to eliminate blight, the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the City's Streetscaping Plan, and the City's Economic Development plan, all calling for reinvestment in the City's downtown commercial core with the creation of public gathering spaces; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Waupun recognizes the sizable investment required to develop this property, and that the Vibrant Spaces Grant reimburses expenses incurred but requires a 1:1 match; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Waupun wishes to make public space and infrastructure improvements in accordance with the City's TID 3 Project Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Waupun authorize the submission of an application to the WEDC Vibrant Spaces Grant program to support the redevelopment of 411, 415 and 421 E Main Street.

Approved this tenth day of January 2023.

Angela J. Hull, City Clerk



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