RESOLUTION #2021-107

TO APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$663,000 TO THE 2022 CLEAN WATER FUND FOR MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, IF AWARDED, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO WORK WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY AND THE PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PORTION OR ALL OF THE PROJECT COSTS NOT COVERED BY THE GRANT AGREEMENT, IF AWARDED, CAN BE FINANCED BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE PROPERTIES BENEFITED BY THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, for more than six years, property owners along the Mississippi River have been asking the City to work in partnership with them to address the erosion issues occurring along the banks of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, property owners are continuing to see increased erosion issues, resulting in the loss of shoreline and trees due to high water, river eddy and ice damage; and

WHEREAS, a riverbank stabilization project along the Mississippi River could significantly reduce erosion and keep sediment out of the river; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2020, the City, Hennepin County, and Brooklyn Park riverfront homeowners conducted a shoreline assessment to determine the severity of the erosion damage of all properties along the Brooklyn Park portion of the west bank of the river; and

WHEREAS, the Assessment Report was used to develop a Shoreline Stabilization Plan that will include installation of riprap (rock or other material used to armor shorelines), bank regrading, installation of vegetated reinforced soil slope and erosion control blanket with native seed and plugs, and the establishment of vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the City, Watershed District, and Hennepin County Energy and Environmental Division are interested in applying for a MN Board of Water and Soils Resources, Clear Water Fund Grant to help support advancement of the Mississippi River Neighborhood Stabilization Project; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is \$884,000 with the grant request of \$663,000. The City, County and Watershed District contribution is \$40,000 each, and the collective landowners' contribution is approximately \$101,100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park to approve the grant application in the amount of \$663,000 to the 2022 Clean Water Fund for the Mississippi River Neighborhood Stabilization Plan and authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement, if awarded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize staff to work with Hennepin County and the private homeowners to determine whether a portion or all of the project costs not covered by the grant agreement, if awarded, can be financed by special assessments on the properties benefitted by the project.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Council Member Russell and duly seconded by Council Member Jacobson.

The following voted in favor of the resolution: Pha, Jacobson, West-Hafner, Russell, Morson, and Parks.

The following were absent: None.

Where upon the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTED: August 9, 2021

TONJA WEST-HAFNER, MAYOR PRO TEM

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution as adopted by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park on August 9, 2021.

WITNESS my hand officially as such Clerk and the corporate seal of the City this 10th day of August 2021.

DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)