

RESOLUTION NO. _____

FINAL AUTHORIZATION OF THE ACQUISITION BY NEGOTIATION OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4 PULASKI STREET, 21 PULASKI STREET, 256 WASHINGTON BLVD., AND 274 WASHINGTON BLVD. IN CONNECTION WITH THE WASHINGTON BLVD. AND PULASKI STREET WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford has recognized that there is a need for the improvement of **WASHINGTON BLVD. AND PULASKI STREET**; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford Bureau of Transportation, Traffic and Parking has proposed the widening of Washington Blvd., between Henry Street and Atlantic Street, and Pulaski Street between Washington Blvd. and the Pulaski Street Bridge (the "Project") to facilitate the completion of a long-range plan to improve transportation and traffic operations around the Stamford Transportation Center, within the Southend and connect to the City's \$5+ million investment in roadway improvements in the Waterside neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of the Project include improved safety and roadway operations, the creation of one continuous and uniform roadway cross-section on Washington Blvd. south of the Stamford Transportation Center to Pulaski Street, the addition of roadway capacity south of Pulaski Street, the lengthening of turn-bays on the Pulaski Street approach to Washington Blvd., and accommodations for all roadway users as required by the City's Complete Streets Ordinance: and

WHEREAS, the City has recognized that this Project will require real property acquisitions, including full acquisition of 21 Pulaski Street and 274 Washington Blvd., and partial acquisitions of 4 Pulaski Street and 256 Washington Blvd. (collectively referred to as the "Properties"); and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, the Planning Board approved the Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2020, and April 7, 2020, the Board of Finance considered the Project and thereafter on June 23, 2020 approved the Project; and

WHEREAS, after publication of the Public Hearing Notice and Resolution No. 4047 in the *Stamford Advocate* on May 15, 2020, on May 27, 2020, the Board of Representatives held a public hearing on the Project; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Board of Representatives approved Resolution No. 4047 "Authorizing the Acquisition by Negotiation or Eminent Domain of Property Located at 4 Pulaski Street, 21 Pulaski Street, 256 Washington Blvd., and 274 Washington Blvd. in Connection with the Washington Blvd. and Pulaski Street Widening Project;" and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Mayor directed the Department of Operations to prepare a report (the “Mayor’s Report”) which contains the preliminary engineering, surveys, plans, profiles, specifications, and cost estimates, which report (on file in the Traffic Engineering Bureau) was submitted to the Interim Director of Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Director of Administration published Notice of the date, times, and place for each person interested in the Properties to be heard on the estimated benefits and damages (the “Notice of hearing”) and gave public notice of the Mayor’s Report, Board of Representatives Resolution No. 4047, and estimated benefits and damages for each piece of property three times in the *Stamford Advocate*; and

WHEREAS, copies of the Notice of hearing, Board of Representatives Resolution No. 4047, Mayor’s Report, and Interim Director of Administration’s estimate of benefits and damages were sent by registered mail to each person named in the Notice of hearing published in the *Stamford Advocate* and were published on the City of Stamford’s website; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Director of Administration caused hearings to be conducted with each property owner and each person affected who wished to be heard with respect to the assessed benefits and damages for each piece of property; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Director of Administration has issued a Final Report stating the compensation for each property or portion thereof, and the name of the property owner, which report is attached hereto, which report will be updated by the Interim Director of Administration to reflect the compensation for each piece of property as close in time as possible to the date of filing a Statement of Compensation in the Superior Court in compliance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 30TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT:

Pursuant to Charter Sec. 8-60-7, that it accepts the Final Report of the Interim Director of Administration and that the public necessity, safety, health and welfare require that the Washington Blvd. and Pulaski Street Widening Project go forward, and

That the Board of Representatives hereby exercises its powers under Charter Sec. 8-60-1, *et seq.*, and instructs the City to proceed with the Washington Blvd. and Pulaski Street Widening Project in a manner consistent with the Mayor’s Report and the Final Report of the Interim Director of Administration for the full acquisition 21 Pulaski Street and 274 Washington Blvd., and the partial acquisition of 4 Pulaski Street and 256 Washington Blvd., of which report the Interim Director of Administration shall update to reflect the compensation for each piece of property as close in time as possible to the date of filing a Statement of Compensation in the Superior Court in compliance with law and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 48-6(a) and 48-12.