RESOLUTION APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CERTAIN EASEMENTS AND PAYMENTS FOR CITY PROJECT NO. 23-2 – OAKDALE AVENUE TRAIL AND SIDEWALK PROJECT AND CITY PROJECT NO. 21-6 – THOMPSON AVENUE TRAIL AND SIDEWALK PROJECT

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2022, by Resolution No. 22-028, the City Council authorized City officers and agents to acquire easements for City Project No. 23-2 (“Project”) by voluntary negotiation, make offers of compensation consistent with independent appraisals and authorized the City Engineer to approve the appraised values for the easements; and

WHEREAS, that same resolution also authorized the City Attorney to acquire easements through eminent domain if the easements are not timely acquired by voluntary negotiation; and

WHEREAS, City agents are attempting to negotiate settlements with property owners within the scope of the Project, in exchange for easements needed for the Project; and

WHEREAS, voluntarily settlements would result in the conveyance of the easement needed for the Project and avoids eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has spending authority up to $50,000 without City Council action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West St. Paul City Council as follows:

1. The City Manager is authorized to approve temporary or permanent easements for the Project that are considered routine, which have been recommended by the City Attorney and can obtain the required signatures on the easements; and
2. The City Manager is authorized to approve related settlement amounts that fall within his spending authority.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this ___ day of __________________ 2022.

Attest:

David J. Napier, Mayor
Nicole Tillander, City Clerk