ADDITION

TO

AGENDA OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ROOM 203, CITY HALL

RESOLUTION

16-I. Resolution in support of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway.

Kris A. Teske
Green Bay City Clerk

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
FOX-WISCONSIN HERITAGE PARKWAY

August 20, 2013

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY:

WHEREAS, two significant waterways, the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, have a history that dates back for many thousands of years. After being traveled by European explorers Father Marquette and Louis Joliet, both rivers played an integral role in opening the Midwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, which stretches 280 miles from Prairie du Chien to the Port of Green Bay, was formed to exemplify and to promote the natural, recreational, and historic resources within the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers corridor and to create additional opportunities for historic interpretation, education, recreation, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, as part of the project's ten year undertaking, 17 lock sites previously closed along a 39-mile stretch of the Lower Fox River have been transferred to the State of Wisconsin, with the majority undergoing restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway will result in increased tourism, transportation, and economic development as the area becomes a year-round heritage tourism destination that will result in an overall boost to Wisconsin's economy by:

- Enhancing and promoting historic sites;
- Highlighting the versatility and abundance of natural areas;
- Promoting local events;
- Opening a water trail;
- Connecting existing land trails;
- Developing scenic routes;
- Providing outdoor enthusiasts with more recreational activities and public access;
- Bringing new businesses, jobs, higher property values, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway will provide a greater sense of identity across municipal boundaries along the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, promoting regionalism and opportunities for greater shared resource management; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Parkway Board and its affiliate organizations, sponsors, and volunteers are asking for help in keeping the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway's opportunities alive for the community of today and tomorrow with a continuing effort to revitalize the waterway as an economic, environmental, and recreational resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Green Bay hereby recognizes the importance of the mission and vision of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Green Bay also recognizes that when environmental, heritage, and tourism-related entities partner with the communities, the historic, cultural, and natural resources are more effectively preserved, interpreted, and promoted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Green Bay and the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway agree to engage in collaborative projects that serve to build, promote, and sustain each other's missions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Green Bay will not support any interference with private property owner rights within the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, and specifically opposes the condemnation or rezoning of existing property within the Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Green Bay and the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway agree to promote initiatives that are mutually inclusive, such as marketing, promotion, special events, resource management, interpretive and visitor services, and project planning and implementation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon confirmation of the status of official partnership with the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, the City of Green Bay is entitled to partner benefits, including:

- Recognition in Parkway communication;
- Receipt of regular Parkway-related communication and updates;
- Sponsorship opportunities at Parkway events.

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Approved _____

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Mayor

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Clerk

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