



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the execution of a Joint Powers Agreement between the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, the City of Saint Paul, and The Metropolitan Council for the future development of land located near the green line light rail transit central station, Ward 2, District 17

WHEREAS, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota ("HRA") is a public body corporate and politic organized, existing, and operating under the laws of the State of Minnesota, Minn. Stat. Sec. 469.001, et seq. (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the HRA has the power to engage in development and redevelopment activities under the Act and when needs cannot be met through reliance solely upon private initiative, which can also be undertaken in targeted neighborhoods, and is authorized to create redevelopment projects as defined in the Act, and said activities include but are not limited to: (a) providing adequate, safe and sanitary dwellings, remedying housing shortages for low and moderate income residents, and providing housing for persons of all incomes through housing projects and development, (b) removing and preventing blight or deterioration, (c) bringing substandard buildings and improvements into compliance with public standards, (d) performing duties according to the comprehensive plan, (e) disposing of land for private redevelopment, and (f) improving the tax base and the financial stability of the community; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 471.579, subdivision 10, allows two or more governmental units, by agreement to enter into through action of their governing bodies, to jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council wishes to partner with the HRA to market and sell land located near the Green Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) Central Station ("Central Station") for future redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, both the Metropolitan Council and the HRA own land near Central Station and recognize the need to work jointly to prepare and market the land for future redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the HRA shall contract with the Metropolitan Council per the Joint Powers Agreement which outlines the process and duties related to preparing, advertising and selling the land near Central Station for redevelopment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (the "Board") as follows:

1. That the Board hereby authorizes the execution of a Joint Powers Agreement between the HRA, the City and the Metropolitan Council related to the redevelopment of the land around Central Station in downtown Saint Paul.
2. That upon approval by the City Council, the HRA hereby approves and authorizes staff, under the direction of the Executive Director, to take all actions necessary to carry out the activities authorized by this Resolution and the Joint Powers Agreement, including finalizing all documents and agreements necessary to effectuate the activities to be undertaken hereby, subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office.
3. That this Resolution does not constitute a binding legal agreement; rather, the action taken herein shall not be effective until said documents are executed by the appropriate official(s) of the HRA.