Legislation Text

File #: RES 18-1172, **Version:** 1

Approving a second extension of the Permit for Speaking of Home for the installation of Public Art in the Public Right-of-Way.

WHEREAS, Speaking of Home, an organization established to empower immigrants and draw attention to their lives and struggles through the power of design and the arts, wishes to utilize two skyway bridges on Minnesota Street between 7th Place and 5th Street and two skyway bridges on 6th Street between Cedar Street and Robert Street for a temporary public art exhibition; and,

WHEREAS, resolution #02-1108 adopted by City Council on November 27, 2002, provides the permitting policy and process for the review and approval of public art proposed in the ROW, and sets forth general conditions for artwork installation; and,

WHEREAS, Speaking of Home has submitted complete and proper applications for the project which meet all conditions laid out in resolution #02-1108; and,

WHEREAS, as outlined in the approval process of resolution #02-1108, Public Works has reviewed Speaking of Home's application and the Director of Public Works has convened a panel to evaluate the proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and the Director of the Department of Safety and Inspections are recommending approval of the application, subject to all conditions outlined in attachment A, and,

WHEREAS, the Capitol River Council's Skyway Advisory Committee, Building Owners and Managers Association "BOMA" and adjacent property owners have been consulted regarding the project and their input has been included in the conditions upon which the Permit for the Project is dependent; and,

WHEREAS, Speaking of Home has also applied for a Skyway Use Permit under Chapter 140 of the St. Paul Legislative Code and understands both the Public Art permit as contained in this Resolution and the Skyway Use Permit are necessary to proceed with the installation of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2016 in RES-PH 16-213, the City Council approved the application of Speaking of Home for the installation of Public Art in the Public Right-of-Way for a 90-day period; and,

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2018, the City Council approved an extension of the Skyway Use Permit until June 30, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Speaking of Home wishes to extend the exhibit in the skyway bridges until June 30, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, adjacent property owners have been consulted on and support the extension of the exhibit; and,

WHEREAS, Speaking of Home has also applied for an extension of the Skyway Use Permit originally issued for the project to June 30, 2019 as described in the attached application;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby grants approval to Public Works to issue an extension of the Permit to Applicant for the Project until June 30, 2019, subject to the conditions described in the attached application.

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