

Moved by: Wanda R.D. Williams

A resolution approving the transfer of property located at 28-36 North Cameron Street and 38-40 North Cameron Street to the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority for sale or other disposition related to planned business development along the Cameron Street Corridor.

WHEREAS, the City currently owns the abandoned and rapidly deteriorating structures at 28-36 and 38-40 North Cameron Street ("Properties"), both located within the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Properties are located in an area targeted by the City for Blight Removal and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Properties were acquired by the City from John O. Vartan, t/d/b/a Independent American Investments on November 19, 1990 and a deed covering both of the Properties was recorded with the Dauphin County Recorder of Deeds at Book 1510, page 505, and was given to the City in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00); and

WHEREAS, both Properties are currently vacant, rapidly deteriorating, in need of environmental remediation, and likely complete demolition; and

WHEREAS, the City had been paying for the maintenance of the Properties at a significant expense; and

WHEREAS, the Properties in their existing condition are not marketable for sale due to the environmental remediation and demolition costs which far exceed their value; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to transfer title to the Properties to the Harrisburg

Redevelopment Authority ("HRA") and HRA wishes to receive title to the properties to ease the eventual transfer of the Properties to a prospective buyer for business and economic development in the Cameron Street Corridor; and

WHEREAS, HRA proposes to obtain funding for the environmental clean-up and likely demolition of the Properties, in order to make the Properties marketable for business development; and

WHEREAS, the relinquishment of ownership to the Properties will relieve the City of the burden of financing the upkeep of the Properties; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds realized by HRA in the eventual sale of the Properties, in conjunction with other properties already owned by HRA in the Cameron Street Corridor, will contribute to the additional acquisition and rehabilitation of blighted areas of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG the transfer by the City to the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority of the properties located at 28-36 North Cameron Street and 38-40 North Cameron Street is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appropriate City officials are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

I second the Resolution:

Judith A. Reid

Presented to the City Council on April 19, 2011

Wanda R. Williams
President of City Council

[Signature]
City Clerk

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Yeas	<u>6</u>
Nays	<u>1</u>

Approved
 Returned to City Council with objections