

**Resolution Relating to**

**SUPPORT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE  
MEMORIAL BLOCK THROUGH FURTHER DUE  
DILIGENCE OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**

**RESOLUTION** 8.2.

Sponsor(s): Councilors Paul, King  
Introduced: 03/11/24  
Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_

Action: adopted  
Date: 03/11/24  
Signed by Mayor: 03/13/24

**CITY OF BURLINGTON**

In the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

1 That WHEREAS, the City’s ‘Gateway Block’ has long been at the forefront of discussions about how to  
2 augment Burlington’s vibrant Downtown; and

3 WHEREAS, the ‘Gateway Block,’ also known as the ‘Memorial Block,’ encompasses the properties  
4 between Main Street and College Street and South Union Street and South Winooski Avenue and contains  
5 approximately 3.81 acres of land in the heart of downtown Burlington; and

6 WHEREAS, The City of Burlington owns approximately 2.95 acres, or 77% of the block which  
7 includes the historic Central Fire Station, the Fletcher Free Library, Memorial Auditorium and the Main and  
8 Winooski Parking lot; and

9 WHEREAS, over the past several decades, the City’s Administrations and community members have  
10 engaged in processes to reimagine this central block that has long served as a valuable community epicenter;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the ‘Memorial Block’ is an important point of entry into Downtown Burlington, and as  
13 such, needs to achieve the planning goals of our community as a vibrant and attractive gateway to the  
14 downtown welcoming residents and visitors alike, providing new housing, public space, parking and long-  
15 term economic benefits for the community; and

16 WHEREAS, after many attempts to revitalize the properties on this block, the City has identified an  
17 opportunity to achieve the long held community goals that appear to resolve the previously identified barriers  
18 to redevelopment;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports further exploration and due  
20 diligence centered around redeveloping the ‘Memorial Block’ in a public-private partnership; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in consideration of the covenants, considerations and mutual  
22 benefits set forth in the Pre-Development Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt  
23 and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute the Pre-  
24 Development Agreement in substantial conformance with the documents attached hereto, subject to final  
25 review and approval of the Office of the City Attorney.

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29 *Partnership*

30 March 11, 2024

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Adopted by the City Council

March 11, 2024

[Signature] Clerk

Approved March 13, 2024

[Signature] Mayor

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Attest:

[Signature]  
Lori Olberg  
Licensing and Records Coordinator

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