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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH DETROIT GRAND PRIX FOR GRAND PRIX RACES AND TO ISSUE
PERMITS FOR RACING EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT**

- WHEREAS The City Motor Vehicle Racing Act of 1981, being MCL 257.1701 et seq. (“the Act”), authorizes the City of Detroit (“the City”) to issue a permit for motor vehicle racing events; and
- WHEREAS Section 3 of the Act, MCL 257.1703, authorizes the City to provide for the issuance of a permit that allows a racing event to take place on highways or streets within the City’s limits, as well as provides that a racing event may not be conducted anywhere within the City’s corporate limits unless a permit has been issued; and
- WHEREAS Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, Inc., doing business as Detroit Grand Prix (“DGP”), has for many years conducted Grand Prix Races and Racing Events in the City, initially in downtown Detroit, later on Belle Isle, and now back in downtown Detroit; and
- WHEREAS DGP has expressed its commitment and ability to host Grand Prix Races and Racing Events in downtown Detroit; and
- WHEREAS The Department of Public Works has determined that DGP has adequate insurance to pay any loss or damages, adequate security, and facilities to be provided during the racing events, and has demonstrated the ability to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and those attending the Grand Prix Races and Racing Events, in accordance with Section 5 of the Act, MCL 257.1705; and
- WHEREAS DGP conducted the Grand Prix Races and Racing Events in downtown Detroit in 2023 and 2024; and
- WHEREAS DGP will conduct the 2025 Grand Prix Races and Racing Events in downtown Detroit scheduled for May 30, 2025, through June 1, 2025; and
- WHEREAS DGP intends to conduct the Grand Prix Races and Racing Events in downtown Detroit in 2026, 2027, and 2028, subject to the terms and conditions of the “Contract Between the City of Detroit and Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, Inc., d/b/a Detroit Grand Prix” (“Contract”), which is attached hereto; and

MICHAEL DUGGAN, MAYOR

WHEREAS The Detroit City Council has determined the Grand Prix Races and Racing Events to be for public purposes, including the promotion of commerce and tourism and for the benefit of the citizens of the city and state, in accordance with Section 8 of the Act, MCL 257.1708; and

WHEREAS Section 33-1-33(a) of the 2019 Detroit City Code (“City Code”) provides that no march, parade, procession, exercises, or other activities which can reasonably be expected to result in the congregating of more than 45 individuals shall be permitted within any park, public place, or boulevard without a permit having been obtained from the Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS Section 33-1-33(b) of the City Code further provides that no permit shall be issued for major events or special uses or activities, such as the Grand Prix, within any park, public place or boulevard, which could alter in any significant way the appearance, noise level, or accessibility without prior approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS That in addition to the powers of the City granted under Section 7 of the Act, MCL 257.1707, the Contract provides for the issuance to DGP of a Use License for the years 2026, 2027, and 2028 to occupy and use the pedestrian and vehicular public right-of-way and City-owned property within the Circuit Area, as well as a Concessions License within the Circuit Area during the Racing Events; and

WHEREAS That DGP is also required to obtain a special events permit, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, in order to coordinate the necessary City resources for the Grand Prix Races and Racing Events scheduled in the calendar year 2026, 2027, and 2028; and

WHEREAS That the special events permit obtained by DGP for each year’s Grand Prix Races and Racing Events be subject to Detroit City Council’s approval, in accordance with Section 33-1-33(b) of the City Code; and

WHEREAS That DGP will be required to obtain a special events permit, in accordance with Section 33-1-33 of the City Code and the terms and conditions of the Contract, in order to coordinate the necessary City resources for the Grand Prix Races and Racing Events, scheduled in the calendar years 2026, 2027, and 2028. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council hereby authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Works to execute the Contract on behalf of the City, and in compliance with the Act, for DGP to conduct Grand Prix Races and

the Racing Events in the City during the calendar years of 2026, 2027, and 2028, anticipated in each of those years to be the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday following the observed Memorial Day holiday. BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED

That Detroit City Council hereby approves the issuance of special events permits to DGP to permit the activities described in Section 33-1-33 of the City Code, in connection with the Grand Prix Races and the Racing Events in any park, public place, or boulevard located within or adjacent to the "Circuit Area" as described in and as shown on Exhibit E to the Contract, during the years 2026, 2027, and 2028, for such specific activities, on such dates, and upon such terms and conditions, as are in accordance with or are as contemplated by the Contract, and as are acceptable to the City's Parks and Recreation and other affected City departments, divisions, or offices. BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED

That the approvals by this Honorable Body for the issuances of special event permits hereby given shall be withdrawn and of no further effect immediately upon the revocation of a permit in accordance with Section 33-1-66 of the City Code or upon Corporation Counsel's determination of DGP's breach of the Contract in accordance with its terms, whereby any special events permit thereafter sought by DGP for any subsequent Grand Prix Race or Racing Event shall require and be subject to the prior approval of the City Council in accordance with Section 33-1-33(b) of the 2019 Detroit City Code. BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED

That a copy of this Resolution be provided to Detroit Grand Prix, Mayor Mike Duggan, Corporation Counsel, the Chief of Police, the Executive Fire Commissioner, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department, the Director of the General Services Department, and the Director of the Office of Contracting and Procurement.