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The Honorable Detroit City Council
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**RE: Transfer of Jurisdiction, Surplus and Sale of Real Property with Permanent Access
Easement located at Historic Fort Wayne (6311 West Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48209)**

Honorable City Council,

The General Services Department/Detroit Parks and Recreation ("GSD") and the Planning and Development Department ("PDD") hereby request transfer of jurisdiction of certain real property commonly known as the Historic Fort Wayne Burial Mound, located at 6311 W Jefferson Detroit MI, 48209 ("the Burial Mound Property") from the GSD to PDD to administer as surplus real property.

Additionally, PDD requests authorization to convey (i) title to the Burial Mound Property, and (ii) a permanent, perpetual access easement ("the Easement Area") to the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, a federally recognized tribal government (the "Grantee").

The total area of both the Burial Mound Property and the access Easement Area is 0.58 acre. The easement area is zoned PDD (Planned Zoning District).

PDD has accepted an offer for the sum of One Dollar and Zero/100 (\$1.00) from the Grantee to purchase the Burial Mound Property, consistent with an estimate provided by an independent appraiser and delivered to GSD.

The Quit Claim Deed for the Burial Mound Property and Easement Agreement are attached. This transfer and access easement will allow the Grantee to both access and utilize their tribal land.

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, The City of Detroit ("City"), by and through its General Services Department ("GSD"), has jurisdiction of certain real property commonly known as Historic Fort Wayne Burial Mound, located within the Historic Fort Wayne ("HFV") and at the common address of 6311 West Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48209 ("Burial Mound Property"); and

WHEREAS, the GSD, along with the Planning and Development Department ("PDD"), both declare the Burial Mound Property as surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, a federally recognized tribal government, ("Grantee") whose address is 1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way, Fulton, MI 49052, desire to take permanent access, title, and use of the Burial Mound Property; and

WHEREAS, the City is prepared to convey title to the Burial Mound Property to the Grantee ("Deed"), as described on the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, in parallel with the Deed, GSD has also agreed to convey to the Grantee a permanent, perpetual access easement to the Burial Mound property ("Easement Agreement") on, over, and across portions of the Historic Fort Wayne Property, as more particularly described on Exhibit B (the "Easement Area"), to facilitate and allow the Grantee's access to the Burial Mound Property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has received the Grantee's offer to purchase the Burial Mound Property for the sum of One Dollar and Zero/100 (\$1.00) from the Grantee, consistent with an estimate provided by an independent appraiser as required pursuant to Section 2-7-5 of the 2019 Detroit City Code.

RESOLVED, the Honorable Detroit City Council hereby authorizes: (1) the interdepartmental transfer from GSD to PDD; (2) the surplus of the Burial Mound Property by PDD; (3) the conveyance of the Burial Mound Property from the City to the Grantee via the Deed; and (4) the conveyance of the access easement from the City of Detroit to the Grantee via the Easement Agreement.

RESOLVED, that the GSD Director, or her authorized designee, be and is hereby authorized to execute any other required instruments as may be necessary to effectuate the transfers described herein (including but not limited to corrections to or confirmations of legal descriptions, or timing of tender of possession of particular parcels) in the event that changes are required to correct minor inaccuracies or are required due to unforeseen circumstances or technical matters that may arise prior to the conveyance of the of the Burial Mound Property and/or Easement, provided that the changes do no materially alter the substance or terms of the transfer;