

**Resolution Relating to**

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

**RESOLUTION 8.2.**

Sponsor(s): Councilor Paul  
Introduced: 11/06/23  
Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Action: adopted as amended  
Date: 11/06/23  
Signed by Mayor: 11/09/23

**CITY OF BURLINGTON**

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

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’ encompasses the properties between Main Street and College Street  
4 and South Union Street and South Winooski Avenue and contains approximately 3.81 acres of land in the  
5 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 ‘Gateway 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 ‘Gateway Block’ in a public-private partnership; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council supports the Mayor entering into the attached  
22 Letter of Intent, with the Goals and Visions amended by city staff given Council feedback, to explore the  
23 feasibility of executing a development agreement between the parties to provide the framework for  
24 comprehensive redevelopment; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this process continue to engage the community and encourage  
26 public input on the redevelopment and use of the City’s ‘Gateway Block.’

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28 *SD/KP/JP/Resolutions 2023/Support For The Development Of The Gateway Block Through Further Due Diligence Of A Public-Private*  
29 *Partnership*

30 November 6, 2023

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Samantha Dunn, CEDO

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*As amended*

Adopted by the City Council

...November 6....., 20 23.....

*[Signature]* Clerk

Approved *November 9* 20 23.....

*[Signature]* Mayor

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Attest: *[Signature]*  
Lori Olberg  
Licensing and Records Coordinator