RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE CITY’S PREFERRED SITE OPTION FOR A NEW DAKOTA COUNTY LIBRARY IN SOUTH ST. PAUL

WHEREAS, the City of South St. Paul submitted a proposal to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners in March of 2020 regarding the South St. Paul Library becoming part of the Dakota County Library system; and

WHEREAS, the proposal identified three sites for consideration; and

WHEREAS, Site Option #1 was the City’s preferred choice for the construction of a new/remodeled library; and

WHEREAS, Site Option #1 included the current Library site in combination with the County’s Lawshe Museum site; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has made it clear that there are no plans to close the Lawshe Museum site, and

WHEREAS, with the continued operation of the Lawshe Museum, Site Option #1 is no longer viable for consideration as a future site for a new/remodeled library;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of South St. Paul, Minnesota does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The City supports the County’s continued operation of the Lawshe Museum site within the City of South St. Paul.
2. Site Option #1 is no longer under consideration for a new or remodeled Dakota County Library in South St. Paul as the existing Library site is too constrained to accommodate a new library and essential off-street parking.
3. Site Option #2 (7th Avenue and Marie) is the City’s preferred site for a Dakota County Library.
4. Site Option #2 is owned by the City (west of 7th) and Special School District #6 (east of 7th).
5. The City stands ready to work with Dakota County to continue discussions that result in a new Dakota County library facility in South St. Paul.

Adopted this 20th day of July, 2020.

City Clerk

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