

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

08-0663R

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM DEDA AND AUTHORIZING AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT WITH GREY-SOLON APARTMENTS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SKYWALK FROM THE FIRST STREET MEDICAL DISTRICT PARKING RAMP TO THE GREYSOLON APARTMENTS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city does hereby accept the transfer of up to \$1,636,149 from the Duluth economic development authority to reimburse the city for costs of constructing the skywalk from the First Street Medical District parking ramp to the Greysolon Apartments, said sum to be deposited in Fund 450, Agency 030, Revenue Source 4730-80.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter in an "amended and restated pedestrian passageway agreement pertaining to the greysolon apartments," a copy of which is on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____, with Greysolon Apartments Limited Partnership for the construction and operation of the skywalk from the First Street Medical District parking ramp to the Greysolon Apartments in the amount of \$1,636,149, said sum to be payable from DEDA Fund 865, Agency 860, Organization 8604, Object 5700-40.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the city enter into an "amended and restated pedestrian passageway agreement pertaining to the Greysolon Apartments" with Greysolon Apartments Limited Partnership for the construction and operation of the skywalk from the First Street Medical District parking ramp to the Greysolon Apartments and to accept DEDA reimbursement for the costs of constructing the skywalk.

The original skywalk agreement for the connection between the First Street Medical District parking ramp and the Greysolon Apartments was approved on September 27, 2005. It contemplated that DEDA would contract directly for the construction of the skywalk which was assumed to run generally from the southwest corner of the parking ramp across Third Avenue East to the northeast corner of the Greysolon. Upon further architectural and historical analysis it was determined that this approach would not work and the final design has the Skywalk running across the lower side of the parking lot across the alley from the Greysolon before turning across First Alley and entering the Greysolon at a point parallel with the elevators.

The increased complexity of the design also led to a change in approach to the project. As modified by this agreement, the owner is agreeing to construct the project for a fixed cost, the funding for which will continue to be provided by DEDA. The agreement also provides that the owner and the city will share equally in the costs of ordinary maintenance and operations. In addition the owner will provide a permanent easement if and when the Skywalk is extended to the Temple Opera Building and an interim access to Superior Street until that occurs.