

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION APPROVING EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN WITH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 202 (Plainfield South High School, 7800 Caton Farm Road)

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet (the “City”) provides potable water service through its water system to its water customers (“Water Service”); and

WHEREAS, the provision of Water Service is a matter essential to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, a safe, reliable, and ample supply of water is essential to providing cost-effective Water Service; and

WHEREAS, the City's Water Service uses groundwater as its supply source; and

WHEREAS, the City’s existing water source, the deep groundwater aquifer, will be depleted to the point of not being able to meet the City’s maximum day water demands by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted an Alternative Water Source Study to determine alternative water sources which could be used by not only the City of Joliet, but possibly the region as a long-term, sustainable, reliable water source; and

WHEREAS, in January 2021, the City Council selected purchasing Lake Michigan water from the City of Chicago as its alternative water source; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate development of a water system for delivery of Lake Michigan water to the region, the City and five other municipalities have formed the Grand Prairie Water Commission and the City is a member of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Water Supply Agreement between the Grand Prairie Water Commission and its member municipalities, including the City, requires the City to provide modifications to its water system to enable the delivery of Lake Michigan water to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City currently owns and operates a water tower on land (“Water Tower Site”) adjacent to Plainfield South High School and it is necessary to add a booster pumping station on the Water Tower Site and a new water transmission main to serve the water tower and booster pumping station; and

WHEREAS, Plainfield Community Consolidated School District No. 202 (“School District”) owns the land at 7800 Caton Farm Road (“District Property”) adjacent to the Water Tower Site and has agreed to grant to the City easements on the District Property including a permanent easement for construction and installation of the new water transmission main and temporary easements for the periods of construction and installation of the water transmission main and the booster station (collectively, “Easements”); and

WHEREAS, the terms of the Easements and in-kind consideration to be provided by the City to the District in exchange for the Easements have been agreed upon in an Easement Agreement for Water Transmission Main between the City and the School District, which Agreement is included in Exhibit 1 attached to and made a part of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City and the public health, safety and welfare to enter into the Easement Agreement to enable the completion of necessary improvements in support of the Alternative Water Source Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet is a home rule municipality under and by virtue of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AND HOME RULE AUTHORITY, as follows:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in this Resolution are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Section by reference.

SECTION 2: The City hereby approves the Easement Agreement with the School District in the form attached as Exhibit 1 to this Resolution.

SECTION 3: The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and seal the Easement Agreement in a form substantially conforming to Exhibit 1. The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary for the City to complete the terms of the Easement Agreement, including recording the Easement Agreement and payment of necessary ancillary fees and costs.

SECTION 4: Each section and part thereof of this Resolution is deemed to be severable and should any section or part hereof be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portion(s) of this Resolution.

SECTION 5: All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the terms of this Resolution are hereby repealed and of no further force and effect to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

VOTING YES: _____

VOTING NO: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

EXHIBIT 1

Easement Agreement

[insert Easement Agreement]