



Council Agenda Item 25-0585R

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO A REAL ESTATE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION ALLOWING ACCESS TO CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY NEAR AND ADJACENT TO THE FORMER U.S. STEEL SITE.

SUBMITTED BY: Danielle Erjavec, Senior Property Services Specialist

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS: Resolution No. 20-0667 approved the original license agreement; Resolution No. 22-0721 approved the first amendment to the original license agreement; and Resolution No. 23-0618 approved the second amendment to the original license agreement.

BACKGROUND: This resolution authorizes the city to enter into a third amendment to a real estate license agreement with United States Steel Corporation ("U.S. Steel") to grant access to city-owned property in the Morgan Park and Gary-New Duluth neighborhoods near and adjacent to the old U.S. Steel plant site (the "Plant"). U.S. Steel is completing environmental restoration and recreational access improvements in the area and needs permission to enter onto the City's property to access the Plant. The City's property is part of a city-owned railroad corridor.

The original real estate license agreement was approved on August 24, 2020 under Resolution No. 20-0667 (the "License Agreement"). The first amendment to the License Agreement was approved on September 12, 2022 under Resolution No. 22-0721, which first amendment modified the property subject to the License Agreement. The second amendment to the License Agreement was approved on August 14, 2023 under Resolution No. 23-0618, which second amendment extended the term of the License Agreement and further modified the property subject to the License Agreement. This third amendment is needed to further extend the term and modify the property subject to the License Agreement. The current property affected by the License Agreement is depicted on Exhibit A to the attached Exhibit 1.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact

OPTIONS: Approve resolution or US Steel will not have permitted access to use certain city-owned property

NECESSARY ACTION: Authorize the third amendment to the license agreement

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit 1, Third Amendment to License Agreement