



Council Agenda Item 25-850R

MEETING DATE: November 24, 2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE MORLEY HEIGHTS/PARKVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD IN EXCHANGE FOR REPLACEMENT LAND.

SUBMITTED BY: Danielle Erjavec, Senior Property Services Specialist

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: 25-0849R (approved 11/10/2025) and 25-030-O (second and final reading to occur 11/24/2025)

BACKGROUND: The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the execution of a purchase agreement with Park Hill Cemetery Association, a Minnesota corporation ("Park Hill"), for the conveyance of the certain city-owned property (the "City Property") in exchange for replacement land owned by Park Hill (the "Park Hill Property"). The conveyance of the City Property will not occur unless and until: (a) the city council authorizes the sale of the Property through Ordinance No. 25-030, (b) Park Hill conveys the Park Hill Property to the City, and (c) the City and Park Hill comply with all terms and conditions contained in the purchase agreement authorized under this resolution.

The City Property is a 2.85 acre tract of land located in the Morley Heights/Parkview neighborhood off Vermillion Rd. The city acquired a majority of the City Property in 2023 from Park Hill Cemetery Association (the city has owned the other portion of the City Property since 1928). It was later discovered that a portion of the property purchased from Park Hill Cemetery Association contained Soldiers Rest, a burial space for soldiers within the Park Hill Cemetery, as well as an organic compost site. The City desires to convey the City Property to Park Hill Cemetery so that it can be owned and operated appropriately. Park Hill Cemetery Association is willing to convey replacement land to the City as consideration for the City Property.

The City Property is outlined in black on the attached Exhibit 6 and the Park Hill Property is outlined in green on the attached Exhibit 6.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: None if approved

OPTIONS: Approve resolution to authorize the terms and conditions governing the conveyance of the City Property to Park Hill in exchange for the Park Hill Property or the City will need to pay back the grantors who funded the 2023 purchase of the property from Park Hill Cemetery Association (over \$20K)

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve resolution

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit 1, Legal Description of the City Property; Exhibit 2, Survey of the City Property; Exhibit 3, Legal Description of the Park Hill Property; Exhibit 4, Survey of the Park Hill Property; Exhibit 5, Purchase Agreement; Exhibit 6, Map of City Property and Park Hill Property (containing aerial view of the two areas)