COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 250432

Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements between the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and Ballard Development, LLC ("Developer") for the development, funding, use and maintenance of a promenade and related improvements along the levee of the Missouri River and adjacent property in the Berkley Riverfront Area.

WHEREAS, the City owns the levee along the Missouri River in the Berkley Riverfront Area generally bounded on the north by the Missouri River, on the south by such property located along Berkley Parkway and East Riverfront Drive owned by the Porth Authority of Kansas City, on the west by Missouri Highway 9/Heart of America Bridge, and on the East by I-29/I-35, as depicted on the attached Exhibit A (the "Levee Property") and adjacent property on which the Lydia pump station is located, generally located at the intersection of Kansas City Current Way and the Riverfront Heritage Trail, as depicted on the attached Exhibit B ("Pump Station Property") which property adjacent to the Kansas City Current Stadium (the "Stadium") and the Berkley Riverfront Park; and

WHEREAS, the City is a host city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup ("World Cup") and it is anticipated that the Stadium, Berkley Riverfront Park and the Berkley Riverfront Area will host various activities in connection with the World Cup which will require the need for additional improvements to accommodate the increased tourism and provide a secure environment for such activities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to cause, at no cost to the City, certain improvements to be completed to the Levee Property and Pump Station Property to support the World Cup activities, to increase tourism and economic development, advance the public health, safety, welfare and wellness by providing attractive places for residents and visitors to recreate along the riverfront and embrace more active lifestyles outdoors while increasing public engagement with Missouri River and providing improvements that will support increased security needed to host World Cup activities at the Stadium and in and around the Berkley Riverfront Area; and

WHEREAS, the City has limited resources to cause improvements to the Levee Property and the Pump Station Property determined necessary and desirable for the public health, safety and welfare of the public in connection with the World Cup; and

WHEREAS, Developer has offered to cause to be designed and completed public improvements to the Levee Property and the Pump Station Property at no cost to the City with funding provided by the Developer to be provided as a gift to the City and/or other grant funding from third-party public and/or private sources through the efforts of the Developer; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence to engage Developer to complete the Improvements on behalf of with City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into cooperative agreements with the Developer to develop and maintain the Improvements at no cost to the City.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements with Ballard Development, LLC for the development, funding, use and maintenance of a promenade and related improvements along the levee of the Missouri River and adjacent property in the Berkley Riverfront Area.

Approved as to form:

Abigail Judah
Assistant City Attorney

Authenticated as Passed

Quinton Lucas, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

JUN 05 2025

Date Passed