

16. Resolution authorizing the City of Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority to Enter into Purchase Agreements with the Downtown Development Authority and Grand Action 2.0 for the Purchase of Amway Stadium.



Item Number: 16

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: December 17, 2024

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Community Development Committee
LIAISON: Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager
Executive Office

SUBJECT: **Resolution authorizing the City of Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority to Enter into Purchase Agreements with the Downtown Development Authority and Grand Action 2.0 for the Purchase of Amway Stadium.**

On November 12, 2024 the City Commission approved the Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority (CAA) to construct, own and operate a professional soccer stadium. Since that time, Grand Action 2.0 and the CAA have announced that the stadium will be known as the Amway Stadium.

The proposed resolution is a continuation of the steps necessary for construction of the stadium. The Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority and Grand Action 2.0 have taken steps to acquire or secure the real estate needed to build the stadium. As the eventual owner and operator, the CAA will take title to the property. Under Article X€ of the CAA's Articles of Incorporation, Kent County and the City of Grand Rapids are required to approve all agreements, obligations or commitments of the CAA that extend more than five years.

Under the terms of the proposed transfer, the term of payment for the properties will be over 20 years, covered by distributions from the Michigan Strategic Fund's Transformational Brownfield Plan allocation, which will be assigned to the CAA.

Kent County approved these agreements at its Commission meeting on December 5.

Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution authorizing the City of Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority to Enter into Purchase Agreements with the Downtown Development Authority and Grand Action 2.0 for the Purchase of Amway Stadium.

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, and the Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention and Arena Authority have entered into a Restated Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority Operating Agreement, which allows the Authority to construct, own and operate a soccer stadium; and

WHEREAS, the CAA proposes to acquire the real property for the soccer stadium from Grand Action 2.0 and/or the DDA according to the terms of negotiated Purchase Agreements consistent with the terms of the Restated Operating Agreement and the capital stack and operating plans approved by the CAA;

WHEREAS, under Article X(e) of the CAA's Articles of Incorporation, Kent County and the City of Grand Rapids are required to approve all agreements, obligations or commitments by the CAA that are more than five years in duration; therefore

RESOLVED that the Grand Rapids City Commission authorizes the Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority to enter into property purchase agreements with the Downtown Development Authority and/or Grand Action 2.0 for purchase of real property supporting the Amway Stadium.

CORRECT IN FORM

DEPARTMENT OF LAW